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By JAIME R VERGARA

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TINIAN—About 200 registrants showed up at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino to join an educational symposium and memorial on the 65th anniversary of the assembled atomic bombs on Tinian yesterday.

Tinian Dynasty's general manager Tom Liu and president Alfred Yu were on hand to welcome the participants, along with CNMI Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider who hails from the island, and Rep. Gegorio Kilili Sablan (D-MP).

Symposium organizer Don Farrell Roger Meade of the Los Alamos Labora-See EXPERTS on Page 4 atomic research facility.



JAIME VERGARA

CNMI will still need foreign workers beyond 2014

when the transition to federal immigration ends.

gave the opening remarks, giving a contory narrates the evolution of the famed

DESCENT INTO HELL

A personal account

Sixty-five years ago on Aug. 6, 1945, the island of Tinian would forever be linked with the dawn of atomic warfare and the destruction of Hiroshima,

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which hastened the end of World War II. To mark the occasion, the Saipan Tribune, together with writer William Stewart, is coming out with a special Focus section in todav's paper.

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\$254,000 overpaid to illegal 'double-dippers'

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

representatives of the foreign worker com-

munity who are supporting the recommenda-

tions look on, at a public hearing Wednesday

night at the Kagman Community Center.

The NMI Retirement Fund disclosed yesterday that the agency paid a total of \$254,000 to government employees who were found violating the anti-double-

The amount covers only those employees who are on the Fund's books to date, said acting deputy administrator Esther Ada. The amount is expected to grow once a comprehensive audit is completed.

"This figure is just for the number we have in our record so far," said Ada, who See OVERPAID on Page 4

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Local



By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

The Office of the Governor building on Capital Hill is undergoing a long-overdue renovation amounting to \$285,950, which includes replacing

A woman walks up the ramp going into the Office of the Governor building on Capital Hill. The walls on the second floor have been torn down as part of reno-

vation work on the building.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

termite-infested wooden panels and putting an elevator to make the building compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

3K Corp. confirmed yesterday that it bagged the \$285,950 contract for the renovation of the Juan Atalig Sablan Memorial Building.

This building houses the Office of the Governor, the Office of the Lt. Governor, the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of Management and Budget, the Capital Improvement Project Office, and other government offices.

from July 26, 2010 to Jan. 24, 2011, or 180 days.

Thomas J. Camacho, the governor's special assistant for disability policy and programs, said a survey done some 10 years ago when he was still the director of the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities found that many government buildings on Capital Hill are not change," Demapan said, non-ADA-compliant.

He said putting an elevator will better serve people with disabilities.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, whose office is on the second floor, stays on the first floor of the building because of difficulty using the stairs.

"This building was built during the Navy time, in the 1940s," Camacho added.

Right now, 3K Corp. workers have torn down the front walls on the second floor for replacement, among other things. The affected offices include the office of Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

The former reception office on the ground floor has now been closed off, and will become the future site of the elevator that will be installed.

Press secretary Angel De-The renovation contract is mapan, in a separate interview, said the building renovation is funded by capital improvement project money. CIPs are funded by federal and local money.

> He said once the renovations on the second floor are over, then some offices on the ground floor will be temporarily moved to the second floor.

"The size of the building will adding that the project includes using energy-efficient and environment friendly lighting in the building to save on utility costs. The old building also has damaged ceilings.

DPL pre-approves land for Tinian fire station

By CLARISSA V. DAVID clarissa david@saipantribune.com

The Department of Public Land has already pre-approved a lot for the proposed Tinian fire station.

Ignacio P. Kiyoshi of the Tinian fire station informed the board of directors of the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. about the pre-approval on Wednesday.

Kiyoshi also notified the board that they are "leaning toward" federally sourced funds for the entire Tinian fire station project.

The NMHC board conducted a regular meeting Wednesday morning and approved five projects to be funded by the Community Development Block Grant.

Administered by the NMHC, the CDBG program is a flexible program under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs.

Among the approved projects for CDBG is the funding of the architectural and engineering design for the Tinian fire station, which will be allocated \$150,000.

Kiyoshi said they only got a pre-approval since DPL still needs to send a team to Tinian to do an actual survey of the land.

Although Kiyoshi said the only identification of the land is its lot number, he described to Saipan Tribune the DPL pre-approved land as 1.5 hectares out of a 20-hectare public land in the Marpo Heights area heading up Broadway Street to the right.

According to Kiyoshi, the land is currently used for the agriculture grazing program that promotes the use of land for agricultural purposes to local residents.

The next step in acquiring the land for the project is for the Tinian municipality and DPL to coordinate regarding the land survey, he said.

When asked if the size of the land would be adequate for the project, Kiyoshi said they would not know unless the A&E of the proposed fire station is finalized.

Should the 1.5 hectares not be enough based on the A&E, Kiyoshi said they would have to submit a request to DPL to allot extra portion of the public land for the project.

"Everything boils down to the A&E," he added.

Kiyoshi said DPL is yet to schedule the survey because of other projects and the lack of manpower. "But they are working on it," he said.



4 delegate candidates to debate on immigration, economy issues

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO haidee_eugenio@saipantribune.com

Four candidates to the post of the CNMI's non-voting delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives are expected to debate on Oct. 13 on important issues that include immigration, the local economy, the military buildup in the region, and Article 12, among other things.

Jay Santos, a member of the Events Committee of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, said that the Chamber will be sponsoring the delegate debate on Oct. 13, starting at 6pm, in the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is the largest business organization in the CNMI with some 150 members.

Santos, of Triple J Saipan, said the four candidates accepted the invitation to the debate.

The four candidates include incumbent Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), former Gov. Juan N. Babauta of the Republican Party, former Lt. Gov. Jesus Borja of the Democratic Party, and former House Floor Leader Joseph Camacho of the Covenant Party.

"We would be sending emails to Chamber members and ask for specific questions from them. But the topics will definitely include immigration, economy, the military buildup and Article 12," Santos told Saipan Tribune.

Janice Tenorio, administrator/planner at the Chamber, said yesterday that the debate ticket is \$10 for advanced purchase, \$15 at the door, and \$5 for students

U.S. Public Law 110-229 or the Consolidated Naturaliza-

tion Act, signed in May 2008, did not only place CNMI immigration under federal control but also allowed for the election of the CNMI's first non-voting delegate to the U.S. Congress.

The CNMI held its first election for the non-voting delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives in November 2008. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan won the post, and was sworn into office in January 2009. He is seeking re-election, and will have to face off with three other former officials.

The delegate election will be on Nov. 2.

So far, only the Chamber has scheduled a debate among the delegate candidates.





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text by narrating what Aug. 5, 1945, looked like on Tinian. Carmen Farrell served as the mistress of ceremonies who introduced speakers and made the necessary announcements.

The five major presenters of the day narrated various aspects related to the bombs that were exhaustive, authoritative, and personal.



Professor Anderson Giles tells his continuing fascination with Tinian since he became conscious of his Dad and Uncle's involvement in North Field at the end of WWII.

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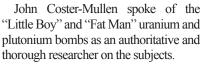
Roger Meade with the Los Alamos Laboratory narrated the evolution of the research facility that began as a program of UC Berkeley but would later become an institution of its own. It hosted the Army's Manhattan Project that developed the atom bomb, utilizing the work of many, including physicist Enrico Fermi and Robert Oppenheimer.

Professor Anderson Giles lost his veteran father at an early age in the Korean War but would grow up listening to stories of his uncle who served with his dad on Tinian. That began a lifetime study and continuing interest in the history of the Tinian North Field and the final assembly of the Manhattan Project products at the end of World War II.

Nancy Bartlit grew up with knowledge of both the Japanese camps in Santa Fe and the work at Los Alamos to build the bomb that would eventually make its way to Japan. Having gone to school in Japan and served in official leadership capacity in Los Alamos, she regaled her audience with her

personal involvement in the aftermath of the Manhattan Project. She also did work with the Silent Voices of WWII, particularly participants in the famed Bataan March in the Philippines.

James Petersen has been involved in the restoration and preservation of Wendover Field, the home of the 509th that would become a composite battalion in support of the North Field Air Base on Tinian in the massive saturation bombing of Japan until the Imperial forces surrendered.



The day's affair closed with Don Farrell's account of the demobilization of Japan, particularly in light of Russia's hurried attempt to capture as much Japanese territory before the belligerency officially ceased.

The presenters made their published works available to the audience before the evening dinner.

The evening's keynote speaker, Gen. Howie Chandler, Vice Chief of Staff, USAF, capped the day at a dinner banquet at the Dynasty hotel ballroom.

The Symposium will hold a memorial service at the bomb assembly site this morning.

OVERPAID

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is also the agency's internal auditor.

Double-dipping happens when a retiree goes back to government service and receives both pension benefits (as a retiree) and wages (as an employee).

Under existing law, except for classroom teachers, a government employee could only double-dip for two years. If they want to keep the government job after this period, they have to give up their retirement benefits.

The Constitution also mandates a specific period of six months before a government employee who retired can go back to government service.

Ada also revealed that besides the overpayment, the Fund had just concluded its desk audit on underpayments, or those members of the retirement program who have been remitting a much lower contribution than what is mandated by law.

Findings of the desk audit were not available as of yesterday.

Ada told the board that the audit for overpayments is much more complicated than the underpayment audit.

Board trustee Adelina Roberto described the \$254,000 overpayments as "a significant amount" that could have been used by the Fund for its other programs

She urged the Fund management to continue its monitoring to "recover" what is due the Fund.

The internal auditor also reported that the agency is addressing the Office of Public Auditor recommendation in its audit report dated Dec. 31, 2009.

Ada said there are four outstanding recommendations that the Fund has yet to resolve. She did not elaborate.

Investment consultant

The board announced yesterday that interviews for the Fund's next investment consultant were recently completed among the top four candidates and a final selection will be made soon.

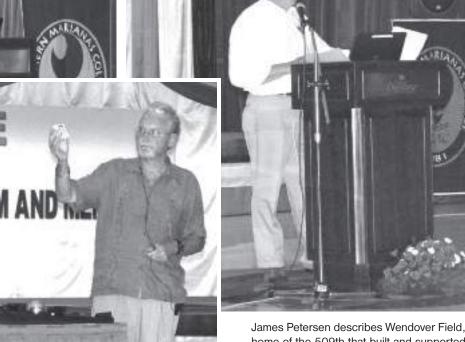
The top four are Morgan Stanley, Buck Consultants, and Wilshire Associates, as well as its present investment consultant, Merrill Lynch.

The Fund was prompted to consider hiring a new investment consultant after Merrill Lynch told the Fund it wants to increase its fees.

Merrill Lynch makes about \$150,000 per year from the Fund. The amount is equivalent to 3.5 percent of every 1 percent of the Fund's total investments.

Merrill Lynch was last hired by the agency in 2008 when the Fund's portfolio was around \$300 million. In the last two years, the company collected \$300,000 for its services.





James Petersen describes Wendover Field, home of the 509th that built and supported North Field in Tinian

IMMIGRATION

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But there's no unified position as to what immigration status should be given to long-term guest workers.

The seven public hearings between June 23 and Aug. 4 also drew split reaction to the U.S. Department of the Interior report: support and opposition.

The Senate Committee on Federal Relations and Independent Agencies, chaired by Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), wrapped up Wednesday night its series of public hearings to gauge public sentiment on the Interior report recommending improved immigration status for alien workers.

Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) said the CNMI cannot just oppose the Interior report or point to the Interior's lack of consultation with the CNMI government but should also give its own recommendation to Congress on the issue.

"The U.S. Congress is determined to do something. But now we're just waiting for them...We cannot just say we're not consulted. We should give a recommendation," Manglona said during Wednesday night's public hearing at the Kagman Community Center.

Manglona also raised the important issue of nonresident workers whose job categories do not fall under any federal H visas, especially those in tourism-related businesses. Tourism is the only industry in the CNMI, after the demise of the garment industry.

"How about those hotel housekeeping staff, maintenance staff, carpenters, janitors, and also farmers and domestic helpers?" Manglona asked.

Besides nonresident workers, Manglona said there are also others in the CNMI whose immigration status should be addressed, including permanent residents and spouses and children of U.S. and FAS citizens.

Boy and Fat Man.

John Costner-Mullen pres-

ents his research on Little

Those who attended Wednesday's public hearing were composed mostly of familiar faces, including former speaker Pedro Deleon Guerrero, Marianas Public Lands Trust vice chair Alvaro Santos, private citizen Glenn Hunter, and United Workers Movement-NMI president Rabby Syed and board chair Ronnie Doca.

Deleon Guerrero and Santos have always been opposed to the Interior report, while Hunter, Syed and Doca have always been in support of it.

Delbert Pua, a young resident of Kagman, stood up and addressed the crowd in the vernacular, saying that had local leaders done their job, the federal government wouldn't have stepped in to federalize immigration.

Deleon Guerrero also blamed the international and local media's stories about foreign workers that he said misrepresented the real labor situation in the CNMI.

"These stories made our friends, the nonresident workers, victims of the recommendations," he said.

He added that it is unfair for immediate relatives of U.S. citizens and Freely Associated States citizens who have gone through the process of applying for citizenship, when others can be given improved status.

Syed and Malou Berueco separately said long-term foreign workers who have contributed to the CNMI economy should be given improved immigration status and a pathway to citizenship. Hunter echoed this sentiment.

Interior gave five recommendations to improve the status of alien workers who have been lawfully residing in the CNMI for at least five years.

These include allowing them to be conferred U.S. citizenship by Congress, granting them permanent residency status leading to U.S. citizenship, or granting them a status similar to those given to

Freely Associated States citizens.

Rep. Frederick P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said his committee is finalizing a resolution that asks U.S. House Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife chair Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-Guam) to "reject" the Interior report.

The resolution also requests Bordallo's subcommittee to conduct hearings in the CNMI on the Interior report.

Pedro Deleon Guerrero said this resolution "speaks for the CNMI."

But Syed said many in the CNMI support Interior's recommendations.

"Giving FAS-like status to aliens so they can continue to stay and work here will not give a pathway to citizenship. I also want to say that there should be right information from which to base CNMI decision. Some are saying 16,000, some are saying 18,000, and 20,000 foreign workers. Can the CNMI government give accurate number?" he said.

Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), toward the end of the public hearing, said "we all agree that we need nonresident workers."

"Nobody says we don't need you here as workers. That's why your status is nonresident workers. We need you to help build the economy and you, in return, get your [salary]. We're not trying to chase anyone out," he said.

Rep. Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan) said it is not right that locals are pitted against foreign workers and vice versa on the issue of immigration. He said a solution will be worked out, and asked for everyone's patience.

Attorney Steve Woodruff, who has represented many foreign workers, described the Interior report as "sloppy," "confusing," and can be interpreted in a lot of different ways.

"People look at those recommendations and they think they are handing out citizenship to long-term alien residents of the CNMI the same way that the Chamorors and Carolinians got citizenship under the Covenant... This is something that stirs up trouble. If Interior had intentionally wanted the local people up in arms about not giving status for the foreign worker community, that's the way that they would do it," Woodruff said in an interview after he testified at the public hearing.

He said Interior didn't do what Congress asked it to do under the law.

"You have a lot of workers who would be more than happy with recommendation 4 or 5, some kind of FAS equivalent status, and it would help the economy if we have that," he said.

An FAS-like status, he said, would allow foreign workers to travel to other parts of the U.S., including Guam.

Woodruff, a former Senate legal counsel, said "in a way, the report is insulting to Congress."

"It says Congress should consider citizenship. Congress should consider two different types of green card, Congress should consider two types of different FAS equivalent status. Don't you think Congress knows what their options are in dealing with these issues? All that report does is it outlines some of the ways you that you might do improved status. Is there any proposal for legislative language in there? No, there's not and that's what we need. Congress has to pass a law," he said.

The Interior report, he added, didn't address those foreign workers who were in the CNMI less than five years when the federalization law took effect in November 2009.

The Senate FRIA Committee will submit a report and recommendation to the full Senate, which, in turn, will present such to Congress.

The Fitial administration also opposes the Interior report and recommendation, citing Interior's lack of consultation and questionable data. It also wants a referendum on the report.

Hospital nursing ratio consistent with national guidelines

» 'Maximum of one nurse per six patients won't jeopardize safety'

By MONETH G. DEPOSA moneth_deposa@saipantribune.com

Despite admission that it lacks nurses, the Commonwealth Health Center's current nurse-topatient ratio remains consistent with national guidelines, according to nursing director April Ricotta yesterday.

At present, the hospital has a maximum of one nurse per six patients.

"Our nurse-to-patient ratio depends on the unit and the acuity of the patient. We follow national guidelines in order to maintain patient safety. Should the number of patients to one nurse bypass this standard, we call in another nurse to come to work and take some patients," said Ricotta.

Hospital records show that the intensive care unit has a current nurse-to-patient ratio of 1:2; the neurological intensive care unit, 1:2 ratio; while the operating room recovery has a

Ricotta said the standard ratio of 1:1 nurse-per-patient is being observed both at the operating room section and in the intensive care unit in the emergency room.

The maximum ratio of onenurse-per-6-patients is observed at the postpartum section while one-nurse-per-5 patients are observed in both medical and surgical sections.

In the pediatric section, the current ratio is one-nurse-per-4 patients while there are 2 patients for every nurse at the emergency room section.

"These ratios are all minimums and we increase staffing based upon individual patient

needs. These are consistent with California and many other state ratios. There have been many studies done to show that these ratios are safe and patients are not in jeopardy if we maintain these numbers," said Ricotta.

She said the Department of Public Health desires to add more nurses but due to some factors, this may not be feasible at present.

"Ideally, we would like to see these ratios even lower...but that would mean a significant increase in our workforce and that is an obstacle right now," she added.

As of June this year, CHC has a total of 181 nurses, of which 120 are registered nurses. This translates to 63 percent of the hospital's nursing population.

The hospital also has 22 licensed practical nurses while 16 are nursing assistants. There are also three nursing supervisors who guide and assist nursing personnel; six who serve as midwives; and four assigned as unit managers.

Because of continuous recruitment and departure of its nursing staff, the figure fluctuates from time to time.

Continuing education

Ricotta emphasized the importance of continuing education for all nursing personnel so they could execute their jobs properly.

"We are constantly moving forward with our goals by having regular continuing education, bringing in new equipment, and formulating new committees and teams. The nurses have gained a great deal of new knowledge and

integrating it into their regular routines," Ricotta said. The nursing director said the

hospital has a "grand rounds" every Wednesday morning and all nurses and physicians are invited.

These continuing education-or CEs-are presented by physicians, nurses, lawyers, administrators, and other professionals.

Ricotta said the last two continuing education, for example, focused on mandated reporting laws and HIV.

"We also have special CEs designed to meet the needs of nursing staff. For example, physical therapy has recently been presenting CEs on pressure ulcers," she added.

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By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie delatorre@saipantribune.com

Another personnel at the Department of Public Safety has filed a complaint against DPS deputy commissioner Ambrosio T. Ogumoro for allegedly harassing her, causing her to suffer an anxiety attack.

In a complaint filed with DPS Commissioner Santiago Tudela

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Management, administrative officer Rose C. Dela Cruz asked that Ogumoro and Capt. Lawrence Camacho be reprimanded or be given any other form of disciplinary action.

Dela Cruz asked Tudela and OPM to compel the DPS command staff to initiate proper corrective action when needed rather than attacking subordi-

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"Personal attacks should not be tolerated," Dela Cruz said.

Saipan Tribune tried to get comments from Ogumoro but he was off-island yesterday.

Camacho, on the other hand, said he feels bad because he has been with the department for 20 years and was merely following his superior's instructions. He

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and the Office of Personnel nates without solving simple said he heard about the complaint but that he needs to see it before issuing further state-

> The complaint arose from an incident on July 8, 2010, when Camacho, at the instruction of Ogumoro, asked Dela Cruz to process the extension of the provisional employment of one Connie Lynn Manglona Iglecias for another 90 days.

Her efforts to follow procedure by informing her supervisor, Kay Inos, allegedly irked Ogumoro, who instructed Camacho to tell her that "he is the deputy of DPS."

Dela Cruz said she explained

to Camacho that there is a chain of command where they have to go through a supervisor.

She said Camacho stated: "Yes, but the deputy said that if I don't process the document then he is going to have the governor come down here to my office and make me do my job."

The incident caused Dela Cruz to have an anxiety attack. "After trying to find air and calm myself down, I started crying and felt like I was being choked and my heart started beating so fast," she said.

Dela Cruz said she also saw Ogumoro pass by her office "and looked at me with a very angry face."

she went to the Pacific Medical Center to see a doctor. "I've been having problems trying to sleep since the incident," she said, adding that the doctor prescribed a medicine to make her

Sgt. James C. Deleon Guerrero also recently filed a formal complaint against Ogumoro, alleging that he has been harassing and intimidating DPS employees and ordering personnel to participate in illegal hiring activities.

Ogumoro refused to comment about Deleon Guerrero's complaint.

Tudela terminated Ogumoro last May 19, but Gov. Benigno The next day, Dela Cruz said, Fitial reinstated him on July 7.

AT THE TINIAN MUNICIPAL TREASURY:

Fund audit finds deficiency in employer, employee contributions

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

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The NMI Retirement Fund disclosed vesterday that its audit findings on the Tinian Municipal Treasury uncovered deficiencies in both the employer and employee contributions, amounting to \$2.1 million.

Richard Villagomez reported to the board of trustees that they are confident in their numbers following revelation that the Tinian Municipal Treasury earlier disputed the amount.

He disclosed that of the \$2.1 million unpaid contribution, about \$80,000 was found not remitted to the Fund as employee

Board chair Sixto Igisomar said the Fund has conducted an onsite audit on Tinian to confirm what's in their books.

"We went there and audited their books to confirm whether there was anything missing in their records, if they paid, and basically check everything," Igisomar told his colleagues yesterday in a board meeting.

Board trustee Pedro Dela Cruz said if the Tinian municipal treasury had been found deficient in its employee contributions, this could be ground for a criminal case against the organization.

"If employees' check stubs indicated deduction of their employee contributions which were never remitted to the Fund, that's a clear criminal act in my book," said Dela Cruz.

Fund legal counsel Viola Alepuyo pointed out that the Fund has to have solid proof before any decision is made to pursue a legal case against any organization.

"Yes, that's a criminal act but before we make any accusation we have to prove that. We have to make sure, that's why we're checking each employee on their record," Alepuyo told the board.

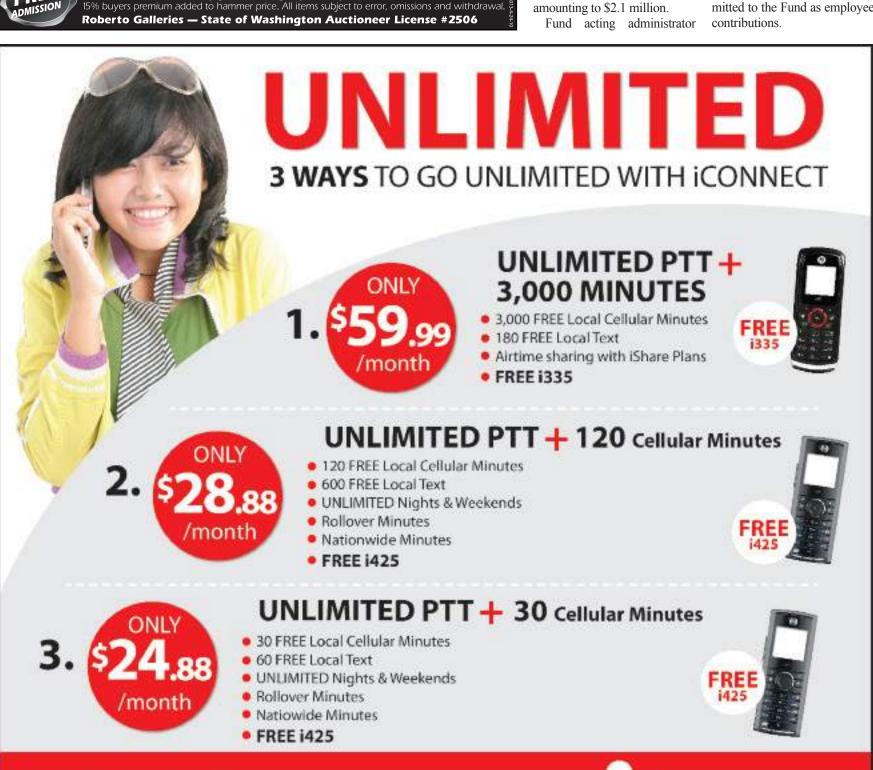
Fund acting administrator Richard Villagomez said both parties-the Fund and the Tinian municipal treasury—are reconciling records and discussing a repayment plan. No concrete plan has been identified yet.

Villagomez said the Fund is not processing three retirement applications from the Tinian Municipal Treasury because of these findings.

In an interview with Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz on Monday, he disclosed plans to resolve the unpaid obligation of the Tinian municipal treasury.

He said he will ask the assistance of the Tinian Legislative Delegation to identify money for the purpose and see what else could be done to eliminate the non-remittance of employee contributions to the Fund.

The mayor acknowledged that many government employees will be affected by the problem.



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4th Tinian library's Summer Reading Camp 'a success'

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The Tinian Public Library successfully held its 4th Library Summer Reading Camp from July 6 to 23, with 76 students from incoming kindergarten to sixth grade registering for the camp. Only less than 50, however, became actively involved in the whole duration of the camp.

The 4th Library Summer Reading Camp was organized by the Tinian Public Library staff headed by supervisor Lorna Cruz and AmeriCorps Program Volunteers led by Brenda Safer.

According to Cruz, former librarian Richard Creecy Ir

initiated the Library Summer Reading program in 1998. Since Creecy's retirement, Cruz said they still go on with the program at the request of parents.

"It's a tradition we want to continue depending on the permission and support of our local government," she added.

Cruz said the purpose of the camp is to encourage students to continue reading even while on summer vacation. "Learning should be fun," she added.

During the camp, the kids took part in the Read-A-Loud, arts and crafts, as well as various games and energizer activities

Cruz said the kids also brought books for their daily journals. Campers won prizes for different awards such as Most Journal Made, Most Artistic, Most Friendly, Most Books Read, and Most Creative.

According to Cruz, they had over 100 students who registered in last year's camp. She attributed the decline in the number of participants to the various summer programs offered by the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Tinian Office and the Tinian Elementary School.

Although they did not advertise the camp, Cruz said it was still a success because of the support of local vendors, private individuals, and parents who

the final day of the camp.

"In fact, the kids [still asked] for extension [of the camp]," she added.

Cruz said another Summer Reading Program, which also began on July 6, is still ongoing for third to sixth graders. This program is focused more on reading and is more comprehensive. It will run until Sept.

Florine M. Hofschneider and Balbina Perez manage this summer reading program.

Cruz said it is still open for students who need help in their reading and comprehension skills. Interested students should visit the Tinian Public Library or call them at 433-0504 for more information.



Aug. 6, 1999

DPH to launch campaign against use of marijuana

Amid the current campaign to legalize the use of marijuana in the CNMI, Public Health Secretary Joe Villagomez has ordered the Division of Mental Health and Services to revive efforts in educating the people about its negative effects. Villagomez, who was former director of the division, said the group seeking the legalization of marijuana does not fully understand the damage it can create on a person's brain. "Marijuana should not and cannot have a place in this community simply because it will destroy the future of the Commonwealth," he said. Allowing the use of marijuana on the island will contribute to the breakdown of more families in the CNMI, which is already struggling against the rampant use of "ice".

Bill restricting membership to nurses' board axed

Saying the existing law is sufficient, acting Gov. Jesus R. Sablan has vetoed a legislation that would restrict membership of the local Board of Nurse Examiners to registered nurses only. The measure, offered by Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider, was prompted by dispute over required qualifications for the board's appointments early this year. Sablan, however, said the problems had been addressed and that the proposed law would no longer be necessary, even to prevent future conflict within the government body. At present, the five-member board tasked with setting rules and regulations for nurses practicing in the Commonwealth is equally represented by registered nurses and licensed practical nurses.

Aug. 6, 2001

Senate earmarks \$6.2M for educational facilities

A total of \$2.62 million were reappropriated by the Senate on Thursday to fund capital improvement projects in Precinct 1 and various educational facilities in the Commonwealth.

During Thursday's regular session, the Upper Chamber passed House Bill 12-373 that realigned \$2.12 million from Public Law 11-79 to fund several CIP projects in Precinct 1 and House Bill 12-237 that reallocated the \$500,000 that was originally allotted for the Tatachog Library. Both bills sailed through the Senate on unanimous votes. Under the first measure, the \$2.12 million that was originally allocated under Public Law 11-79 for the conduct of an Environmental Impact Assessment study for the Koblerville Homestead was, instead, realigned to fund road improvement and wastewater projects in Precinct 1.

Initiative to empower councils passes Senate

Three days before the August 5 deadline, the Senate finally passed the legislative initiative that would amend the Commonwealth Constitution to empower municipal councils and treat each chartered municipal government on an equal basis. Voting 8-1, with Sen. David M. Cing abstaining, the Senate on Thursday passed House Legislative Initiative 12-004, paving the way for the bill's possible inclusion among measures that would be placed in a referendum this November 3. Since it was passed with amendments, it has to go back to the House of Representatives first for adoption before it can be submitted to the Board of Elections for inclusion in the referendum.

Aug. 6, 2002

DOLI trims operational costs

The Department of Labor and Immigration started implementing cost-cutting measures as the Babauta administration squeezes limited finances so as not to exceed the \$193-million appropriation by the end of the fiscal year until the Legislature consents to a deficit spending. The DOLI followed the cost-cutting measures implemented last week by the Department of Public Works, even if DPW Secretary Juan S. Reyes claimed its finances are stable, preventing a budget deficit earlier projected to reach close to a million dollars at the end of the fiscal year. In a memorandum issued to its employees Friday, acting Labor and Immigration Secretary Jeffrey Camacho stated the department's strict prohibition on the use of government vehicles beyond working hours.

'Emergency power unnecessary'

House Speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider may have said the House of Representatives can support the impoundment of public funds but some lower chamber lawmakers are saying that impoundment is not really necessary. The important thing is for the Babauta administration to put in place and implement rigorous cost-cutting measures that would show proof that it is practicing due diligence in its handling of fiscal matters. This was the gist of opinions expressed by several lawmakers during separate interviews with the *Saipan Tribune*, who all requested anonymity in deference to the House Speaker.





Habele awards 21 scholarships to Micronesian students

across Micronesia will enroll in prestigious private schools this fall with the help of scholarships from the Habele Outer Island Education Fund.

The students, whose families come from isolated islands and atolls throughout Yap and Chuuk States, have been awarded tuition assistance covering 75 percent of the cost of their 2010-11 enrollment

They will be attending independent K-12 schools on the islands of Yap, Chuuk and Pohnpei, where most will live with relatives or sponsors for the length of the school year.

Habele is a U.S.-based charity that awards scholarships to Micronesian students each fall. Since 2006 the organization has provided over \$17,000 in tuition assistance. as well as hundreds of boxes of donated books for public school libraries.

The group also published a comprehensive Ulithian-English Dictionary earlier this year for island educators.

"Every child from every island deserves access to an effective and appropriate classroom," explained Alex Sidles, a Habele board member.

Sidles observed that scholarships for low-income and isolated students also had a broader impact.

"We are working to change attitudes and expectations when parents see that students from their community can excel academically they come to expect even demand more from all types schools."

Sildes and other former teachers established Habele to meet the strong local demand for greater educational access.

This year's scholarship winners come from the islands of Ulithi, Fais, Eauripik, Woleai and Satewal in Yap State and from Ta, Lekinoch and Kutu in Chuuk State.

More than 50 students from throughout Micronesia applied for tuition support for the 2010 school year.

"My parents and I really want to thank Habele for everything they've done for us," wrote Maia Lesarof, a fifth grade student from Falalop Woleai who attends Saint Mays School in Yap.

Rising High School senior Parkey Mwarike of Kuttu in Chuuk echoes Maias enthusiasm: "Again, this year, without the help, I could not afford to attend Saramen Academy."

The Outer or Neighboring Islands are a loosely connected group of islands and atolls that stretch across the central Pacific Ocean, slightly north of the equator. The term outer derives from their location outside of the larger, more densely populated islands now serving as the state capitals of the Federated States of Micro-

Twenty-one students from nesia. A strong traditional culture, focused on fishing, weaving and gardening still guides daily life in the Outer Islands

of Micronesia.

"These islands remain some of the most isolated and underdeveloped areas on the Micronesians live below the island leaders keep telling us ties." (PR)

other Habele board member. "Nationwide, one-in-three

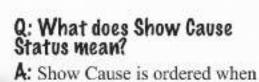
planet," said Neil Mellen, an- basic needs poverty line, but that education is the key for the rate is much higher in the Outer Islands. Families and

the lives of their children and the future of their communi-

Learn more about...

NMC's Accreditation

As announced earlier, NMC was placed on show cause on June 30, 2010. The following questions and responses provide additional information to further explain "show cause" and NMC's accreditation.



the accrediting commission finds an institution to be in substantial non-compliance with its eligibility requirements, standards, or commission policies, or when the institution has not responded to the conditions imposed by the commission.

Q: Why is NMC on Show Cause?

A: ACCJC found that NMC is not in compliance with ACCJC Eligibility Requirements (ERs) and Standards in three general areas: Institutional Autonomy from Outside Interference, Institutional Financial Management and Integrity, and Institutional Governance.

Q: What will happen next?

A: The Northern Marianas College has been asked by ACCIC to submit a report by October 15, 2010 to show what steps the College has taken to address the Commission's concerns. The submission of the report will be followed by a visit from ACCJC representatives.

Q: What is NMC doing to overcome the Show Cause status?

A: Students, staff, faculty and the members of the Board of Regents have overcome show cause before and are confident that NMC's accreditation will be reaffirmed again. The Interim President will be assembling the College's management team to formulate a strategy to achieve affirmation. In the meantime, those who wish to view updates of NMC's accreditation efforts can log on to www.nmcnet.edu.

Q: Can I still register for classes?

A: Yes. Again, NMC is still fully accredited and committed to delivering excellent student services.

Q: Do my classes qualify for transfer?

A: Yes. Credits to other educational institutions will continue to transfer based on the receiving institution's criteria. NMC's counseling office will also continue to assist students with the credit transfer process by providing additional information and documentation regarding course descriptions and curricula.

Q: What happens to my financial aid?

A: Nothing. NMC's accredited status continues and students' financial aid will not be affected.

Q: Where can I find out more information about accreditation?

A: Accreditation updates are regularly posted at NMC's website at www.nmcnet.edu. You can also log on to www.accjc.org for more information about the accrediting commission.



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Q: Is NMC still accredited?

A: Yes. The recent decision by the accrediting commission to place NMC on Show Cause does not change NMC's accreditation status. NMC is still an accredited institution. The College remains committed to offering a high-quality education and excellent student services.

Q: What is accreditation?

A: Accreditation is a status given to an educational institution that has been found to meet or exceed certain standards of educational quality. The agency that accredits NMC is the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), which is part of the Western Association of Schools

Q: Why does accreditation matter?

A: Accreditation matters because it helps to 1) assure the quality of the programs and services that NMC offers, and 2) it fosters and encourages institutional advancement. It also qualifies NMC for certain kinds of federal funds (for example, grants and financial aid).

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Boosting online privacy

ardly a month goes by without a new alarm being sounded about privacy online, either because companies are surreptitiously collecting and using data about Web users or because they're releasing information that users thought would be kept private. Web surfers' sense that they have little or no control over these data makes them suspicious even of efforts to make advertising more palatable, such as the shift from one-size-fits-all ads to more personalized and relevant pitches.

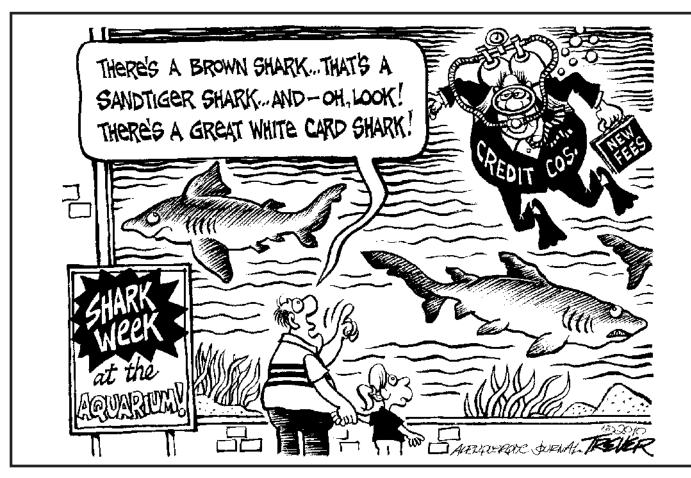
Simply put, the current approach to online privacy isn't working. Most sites have voluntarily adopted privacy policies that disclose what information they collect and how they plan to use it. But in all too many cases the policies are so dense and legalistic that they're useless to consumers. Nor is there any penalty for weak or incomprehensible policies. Instead, the Federal Trade Commission's enforcement has focused on companies that don't abide by their published policies or fail to prevent unauthorized disclosures.

In response, Reps. Rick Boucher, D-Va., and Bobby L. Rush, D-Ill., have put forward bills that would require sites to notify Web users before collecting and using their personal information and allow them to opt out. Sites would also have to obtain permission before disclosing certain data to third parties (such as online advertisers) or changing how they use them.

Lawmakers' concern about privacy is well founded, but regulating the flow of information online is a tricky business. The bills' simple-sounding notification requirements could force consumers to wade through messages from multiple ad networks on any given website. Obtaining permission to share users' data isn't as straightforward as the bills suggest either. Users who don't want personal data revealed in some contexts may welcome it in others—for example, they may not want Facebook telling advertisers about the interests they reveal to their friends, but they may be eager for Facebook to share that information with Amazon so their friends can buy them better gifts.

Before layering on more rules, lawmakers should wait for the recommendations that come out of the privacy roundtables the FTC conducted in the past year. The FTC's main principles—building privacy protections into website design, making privacy policies easier to understand and simplifying the choices facing consumers—are good ones. Also due shortly is a labeling effort by the Interactive Advertising Bureau, a trade group for online advertisers, which aims to notify Web users about the data being collected by advertisers and give them an easy way to opt out. It's not a complete solution, but it's worth seeing how much trust the industry can restore just by being more forthcoming.

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Bombs Away: Thin Man, Fat Man, Little Boy and Third Man

on Quimby was a former Union Carbide executive newly moved from Tokyo to Manila in 1972. During WWII, Quimby was a young salt who did guard duty in an Army project in New Mexico and was exposed to radiation during the Trinity test July 1945. Carbide retired him early upon discovery of cancer; he settled in Hana, Maui, in Hawaii, to wait out the inevitable, contracting to mow State Park grass in this fashionable but out-of-the-way West Maui enclave while tending to a 10-acre garden next to celebrity neighbors Carol Burnett and Jim Nabors.

Harry Truman revealed to Winston Churchill at the July 1945 Potsdam Conference the tremendous power unleashed by the Trinity test. Churchill's facility with the Queen's tongue responded: "This is the Second Coming, in wrath." I visited Don and Joyce a decade after Manila but was led to deliver Don's eulogy at the local congregational church. We returned Episcopalian Don prematurely at 53 back to the unknown Unknown from whence he came, ironically, with the assistance of the Trinity!

It would be later that I discover Robert Oppenheimer's tinkering with the power blasts of the triune Thin Man, Fat Man and the Little Boy, an incredible journey of Churchill's Second Coming from "Manhattan" to Oak Ridge-Chicago-Hanford, to Los Alamos, Tinian and beyond. Plutonium-based Thin Man was discarded as too volatile. Little Boy was exploded untested. Fat Man unleashed the destructive power of the universe. Oppenheimer promised weekly shipment of plutonium should Japan fail to surrender after the fat guy. A Third Man awaited shipment to Tinian.

On this 65th year anniversary of the explosive siblings' assembly in Tinian and their explosion and implosion over Hiroshima and Nagasaki, former BoE member and historian Don Farrell organized a symposium focused on the bombs themselves.

The symposium has 200 registrants by the first day's midday. Detailed coverage is elsewhere in this daily today and tomorrow. Our reflection is the human capacity to metamorphose our creative souls into the Darth Vader of our bestial shadows. I have no doubt that meeting the planets' energy requirement involves the harnessing of the power of atomic fission and fusion, a natural phenomenon in Mother Nature's repertoire of celestial processes, but for now, the Tinian duo and their historic use point not to the possibility of human creativity but to the extent of human capacity to destroy.

Unraveling the mystery of the atom began as an attempt to understand nature and opened a new door to humanity's understanding of itself. Rationally mapping the power of the new knowledge to further destruction of human life is something different altogether. This is not a condemnation but a recognition that within the human psyche is the capacity to lash at what it perceives to be a threat to its ease and existence.

We do not moralize over a decision made in the past regarding the building of an instrument of mass destruction and using it against hostile Japan. It is known that Germany was way ahead scientifically in putting together a bomb. The Little Boy's uranium came from captured German materiel. Japan's program was sophisticated as well, with leaflets explaining casualty prospects dropped before

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Fat Man's delivery hoping that the known and respected Japanese scientists would take heed.

We are, nevertheless, trying to describe how we slipped from a small clarity about a life process, to thinking that somehow, we have uncovered the mystery of our being and are now free to exploit that knowledge without trepidation of what remains to be discovered, or of awareness of possible consequences. America consists both of an isolationist and expansionist tradition. The tension has not always been creative, more so in time of military conflict.

The illusion of certainty over what is real, domesticating the unknown, failing to humbly know and authentically live the mystery of the vast unknown. This hubris of rationalism is a silly belief in the invincibility of knowledge vested on an individual or a group of people, permeates all of life, in economic, political and cultural endeavors. The image of the secretly knowledgeable Superperson (Jesus as Clark Kent) is paradigmatic in all human endeavor, from sales to jingoism, so much so that the pursuit of excellence is no longer a happy refinement of humanities but rather an obsession in bettering one's position over that of another.

This delusionary certitude is evident in confident knowledge of good and evil and the assurance that we are definitely on the side of the good. Bound to a rigid dichotomy of good and evil is a moralism of immense proportion. Anyone who is not with us is against us, in the oil fields of the Middle East or the killing fields of Southeast Asia. We've demonized many like Islam and identified terrorism with it. Marry Armageddon or Maya 2012 into foreign policy and you have the makings of disastrous religious jihad at apocalypse, especially when blessed by something like the White House.

If not condemning others, we are condoning those who would lead us to escape from the horror of the real, to the false comfort of fantasy worlds of our imagination and our own creation. The head-trip has replaced the gut-trip. This is sentimentalism, from the innocuous Hollywood happy ending, to the Pollyannaish adherence to cheap grace of redemption in our religious convictions.

The Tinian Symposium humanized the scenarios that accompanied the two atomic bombs with the flesh and blood of those involved. Don Quimby paid dearly without complaint or remorse for the babies' creation. Pacific Islanders are still reeling from the fallout, chemical and political, from the age it ushered. A military plan exists on what to do should Iran master the technology. Will the fear and anxiety the babies unleashed ever end? The conversation, emphatic and forgiving need to go on.

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The angry tourist

n my July 16 column I wrote a simple, step-by-step guide for retail managers so they can train their employees to accept foreign currency from customers. Readers may recall that my approach involves maintaining a log of such transactions. I used yen as an example, because most of Saipan's tourists are Japanese.

Most, but certainly not all. I actually cooked up this concept in a non-Japanese tourism niche, after I was asked for my opinion on a red-hot dispute. This was well over a decade ago, but the lessons from the event are as important as ever.

Here's the story:

A ground operator (a company that shepherds around package tourists) told me of a boiling-mad tourist who claimed he had been cheated by a store. I'll call the tourist the Rube. He was an unsophisticated, working-class guy, and Saipan was his first international excursion. Like many folks in his position, he was at the total mercy of the ground operator.

What the Rube lacked in sophistication he made up for in energy. He created quite a stink, and a few businesses got sucked into the scandal, including one respectable hotel that was considering severing its relationship with the ground operator's parent company. I was asked for my opinion on the matter.

In that end of the tourism industry, it is an accepted practice for ground operators to get a commission on the purchases made by the tourists they deliver to the stores. Anyway, for the case at hand here, the Rube, along with a bunch of other tourists, was taken by the operator to a store that sold overpriced, gilded crap.

The Rube bought a lot of stuff, which was priced in dollars. However, lacking a credit card for the transaction, the Rube paid cash in his native currency. Later that day, as the Rube was bragging about his purchase in a hotel bar, he was told, "Ha! You got ripped off, man, they shorted you 30 percent on the exchange rate."

The Rube's dispute, therefore, was not the dollar price of the merchandise; he was perfectly happy with his vulgar treasures. But he was angry at the manner in which his currency was converted into those purchase dollars. He said he was hosed out of about \$400. He had no documents or other evidence to back his claim. But he did have his receipt for the dollar-based portion of the sale.

As for the storeowner, he also said he had absolutely no record of the currency exchange transaction, though he claimed he hadn't screwed the Rube on the exchange rate.

Well, what verdict would you render on this little caper?

As for me, I sifted through this information, and I told the ground operator that, in my judgment, the ground operator should pay the Rube the \$400. My rationale was that the store was operating a slipshod operation, which reeked of the appearance of impropriety, by exchanging large amounts of cash without documenting it. This was such a glaringly sloppy practice that the ground operator should have been aware of it, so, in my view, the ground operator had dropped the ball when it came to the stewardship of his tourists.

The operator noted that the Rube might have been lying. Yep,

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that's possible. But that wasn't really the point. The point was that if you're in a position of trust, and deriving a profit from it, then you can't just close your eyes to the situations you're steering your clients into. Sometimes, if you can't prove you're right, reasonable observers will assume you're wrong.

That's how my little currency transaction sheet got started. The first version wasn't for retailers directly, but was for the ground operator, so he could, in turn, provide the sheets to the businesses he took his tourists to. This would create an auditable trail of stuff, which would eliminate, or at least reduce, any such unhappy capers in the future.

Administrative note: Followers of military matters asked when my promised follow-up piece to last week's Dong Feng missile article is scheduled for publication. Answer: later this year.

The state of America? Hysteria

f you re-engage the American media after a month out of the country, as I've done this week, it's hard not to conclude that hysteria is now the dominant characteristic of our politics and civic conversation

How else to explain the fact that questions like secession and nullification—issues that were resolved in blood by the Civil War more than a century ago—have come alive again and are routinely tossed around, not just by fringe figures but by Republican officeholders and candidates?

For example, Zach Wamp, a Tennessee congressman who opposes the recently enacted health care reforms and is running for governor, told an interviewer that he hopes "the American people will go to the ballot box in 2010 and 2012 so that states are not forced to consider separation from this government." Meanwhile, GOP candidates for statewide office in various Midwestern and Southern states are promoting the notion that states ought not to enforce any federal law not approved by at least two-thirds of their state legislators. It's as if John C. Calhoun suddenly had risen from the grave and had a talk show.

In Nevada, the Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate has discussed abolishing Social Security and darkly mused over whether Washington's alleged overreaching may require a "Second Amendment solution." That means guns, a prospect that could be facilitated in one state after another by an outfit called Appleseed, which holds weekend seminars whose participants are given a mix of Minuteman pseudo-history and instruction on marksmanship.

Meanwhile, attempts to repeal sections of the Constitution continue apace. The so-called 10thers, who want to roll back 100 years of federal law and regulation in order to assert rights under the 10th Amendment, are almost unremarkably ubiquitous in the GOP. Candidates across the country pining for "tea party" support have endorsed repeal of the 17th Amendment, which would end popular election of U.S. senators and return their selection to state legislatures, a step that theoretically would "restore states' rights."

The most popular such movement involves abolishing or gutting the 10th Amendment as a way to deny American citizenship to the U.S.-born children of undocumented immigrants. Even the ostensibly moderate Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., has signed on to that one, while Rep. Louie Gohmert, R-Texas, speculates that such children actually are terrorist moles planted here to grow up as U.S. citizens as part of a long-range plot.

Nothing quite tops the anti-Muslim hysteria, which has led people to organize opposition to the construction of new mosques in places from Lower Manhattan to Temecula. One candidate for statewide office in Tennessee—somebody should examine their water supply—argues that the First Amendment does not cover Muslims.

Some inclined toward therapeutic explanations of history might attribute all this to a kind of collective post-traumatic stress syndrome engendered by the lingering, still-unresolved aftermath of the horrific events of Sept. 11. Others might point to the dislocating effect of electing an African-American president to govern a society in which strong currents of racial anxiety still eddy beneath the surface of everyday life. Perhaps both forces act in unseen concert.

Back in the early 1970s—an era whose tumult we vet may come to regard as benign—social scientists here and in Britain coined the term

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"moral panic" to describe what can happen when groups of people are seized by an exaggerated fear that other people or communal forces threaten their values or way of life. The scholars described those who promoted the panic's spread as "moral entrepreneurs"—a term that takes on a deep resonance when you consider the commentators and politicians who have attached themselves, and their interests, to the 'tea party" and its attendant movements.

In the midst of moral panic, inchoate indignation stands in for reason; accusation and denunciation supplant dialogue and argument; history and facts are rendered malleable, merely adjuncts of the moral entrepreneur's—or should we say provocateur's—rhetorical will. As we now also see, a self-interested mass media with an economic stake in the theatricality of raised and angry voices can transmit moral panic like a pathogen.

Looking around the United States in the summer of 2010, hysterical moral panic seems an apt description of our fevered political condition.

Getting ahead

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man I know seemed to have it all. He had an in-demand practice at a large clinic that paid him hundreds of thousands of dollars a year. He had a huge house in his city's most upscale neighborhood. He had a second home on the beach. He drove new, expensive luxury cars. He was a member of the most exclusive country club.

Isn't this a rich man? Don't we wish we could "get ahead" like he did? No, this man was very poor. Those big houses, those luxury cars and his extravagant lifestyle ate through every dollar he made—and then some. He piled up more and more debt. He may look like he had gotten ahead, but he was getting further and further behind.

I meet so many people who say they feel like they are on the never-ending treadmill of trying to "get ahead." "Ahead of what?" is the first question I always ask. You need to clear your head about "getting ahead." Especially if you are at midlife and looking toward retirement, you must understand three things about the pitfalls of "getting ahead." First, debt just gets in the way of what you want. Second, you must be able to enjoy where you are in life and where you are going—not where you think you should be. And third, you need to be the author of your life's script, not the helpless actor dancing to someone else's expectation.

Let's look at these.

Once you understand unnecessary debt creates stress, you will want to unburden yourself. Do you remember a time when your money was your money—you could do with it what you wished? That was the richest point of your life. Even if you were only ing \$1,000 a month, if \$750 stayed with you, you were rich.

Like my friend, if you spend all your money and take on debt besides, you are poor no matter how much you make. You have no options. You must make more and more money, no matter how that traps you. But if you spend less than you make, then your life is yours. You make the decisions.

But how can I do that? you ask. Won't I look like a failure? As Janis Joplin famously sang, "Oh Lord, won't you send me a Mercedes-Benz. My friends all drive Porsches, I must make amends.' Forget what other people expect. Forget you expected to live like a millionaire by the time you were 40. Life is about trade-offs. You don't buy the luxury car so you can take the family on a great vacation. You don't buy the bigger house with a ballooning mortgage so you don't have to be stressed out at work.

It has been said that happiness is wanting what you have. So stop wishing you had what someone else has. Find contentment in what you have and enjoy it right now. If you are enjoying your life and doing work that means something to you, you may find the riches arrive on their own

Finally, don't act out someone else's expectations—whether they tell you that's what they expect or you think that's what they expect. Life is not a dress rehearsal, nor is it an audition. You are the actor in your own movie, and any expectations placed on you by others nould be left on the cutting room floor.

So live well within your means. That ensures your time belongs to you. If you can't enjoy life now, chances are you won't enjoy something better later on. But if you live by your own script, the odds are the movie will have a happy ending.

And my friend? Well, he sold that beach house, downsized to more modest vehicles that get him from point A to point B, and joined another physician in opening a private clinic. He now works on the cases he wants to take while pursuing his dream of doing two overseas mission trips a year in Third World countries. He goes to more baseball games. The worry lines are gone from his face, and he wears a big smile under his Twins hat.

Now that's not "getting ahead"—that's being ahead.

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian



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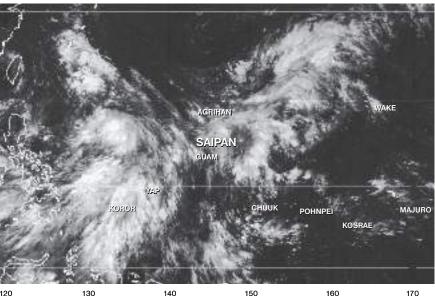
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Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 85	▼ 79
Palau	Rain	▲ 85	▼ 78
Yap	Rain	▲ 86	▼ 77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	≜ 82	▼77
Pohnpei	Rain	▲ 87	▼ 76
Kosrae	Showers	▲ 90	▼ 80
Majuro	Showers	▲ 86	▼ 78

Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲ 60	▼52
Beijing	Sunny	≜ 89	₹72
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	s ≜ 88	▼ 82
Honolulu	Sunny	▲ 87	▼ 74
London	Showers	▲ 69	₹64
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 74	▼57
Manila	Thundershowers	s ≜ 89	₹81
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 56	▼ 43
Miami	Thundershowers	s ≜ 90	₹80
New York	Thundershowers	s ≜ 91	₹73
Osaka	Thundershowers	s ≜ 92	₹82
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲ 76	▼ 59
Pusan	Thundershowers	s ≜ 87	₹79
Rome	Sunny	▲ 84	▼ 65
Salem	Sunny	▲ 89	▼57
San Francisco	o Partly Cloudy	▲ 56	₹50
Seoul	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	₹79
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 89	₹78

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2010

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An active area of southerly monsoonal flow has finally set up west of the Marianas that stretches from just south of Yap and Palau to almost to 20N within this region. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are located throughout with stronger concentrations of showers located along the trough axis from 19N130E to 18N136E. North of this area conditions become more isolated and stretch west of a line from 20N135E to 25N130E near Okinawa. Some weak troughing and light trade-wind convergence aided by an upper-level divergence pattern south of an upper trough is helping to trigger patches of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in the vicinity of the Marianas and northeastward towards Minami Tori Shima at 24N154E. This weather is primarily located between 14N and 21N from 130E to 154E and from 21N to 25N from 150E to 162E. Trade-wind convergence in the ITCZ is helping to support a narrow line of scattered showers and few thunderstorms between 9N and 11N from 165E to east of 180. This activity is affecting the islands in the marshalls near Kwajalein but is north of Majuro. In addition, some isolated patches of showers and thunderstorms in weak trade-wind convergence are located south of 5N in southern Chuuk and Pohnpei states between 140E and 155E.

Tides					
Saipan Harbor					
2:27 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet		
10:23 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet		
5:55 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet		
10:24 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.4 Feet		

Washington, DC Thundershowers ▲94 ▼77

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
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Saturday	6:01 AM	6:45 PM	Saturday	2:35 AM	4:03 PM
Sunday	6:01 AM	6:44 PM	Sunday	3:38 AM	4:59 PM
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Tuesday	6:01 AM	6:43 PM	Tuesday	5:47 AM	6:43 PM

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SAIPAN	-GUAI	M		GUAM-S			
C09317	4:25am		Daily	C09316	2:45am		Daily
C09313		9:20am	Daily	C09596	7:00am		Daily
C09601	12:10pm		1, 4, 5, 7	C09600		10:55am	Daily
C09603		3:55pm	Daily	C09602		2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:35pm		Daily	C09604	•	6:00pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily	C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
SAIPAN	-NARI	ITA (NE	RT)	NARITA	(NRT)-SAIP	AN
DL287	6:00am	8:35am	Daily	DL290		2:20pm	Daily
DL297		5:55pm	Daily	DL298		3:00pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:10pm	Daily	DL288	8:40pm	1:10am+1	Daily
SAIPAN	-NAG	DYA		NAGOYA	N-SAII	PAN	
DL640	7:40am	10:20am	Daily	DL641	9:10pm	1:40am+1	Daily
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OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily	0Z120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily
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OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX	0Z603		1:10am+1	7
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DL287/173	6:00am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT	DL172/288	7:40am	1:10am+1	Daily via NRT
DL640/629	7:40am	10:35pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM
			via NGO	0Z702/603		1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipa	n		
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
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Suspected 'ice' dealers ram cop's car, crash into house

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

A suspected supplier of methamphetamine or "ice" was arrested while her boyfriend managed to escape during pursuit that ended up with the getaway vehicle crashing into a house in Chalan Kiya Wednesday afternoon.

Zhang Ling, also known as Coco, was brought to the Superior Court yesterday for her initial court appearance. Bail was set at \$30,000 cash

Ling's boyfriend, Qun Yu, also known as Papa-sang, is still at large, according to police spokesman Eric F. David yesterday.

"[Yu] is considered armed and dangerous. DPS is advising the general public to not approach the suspect but to call 911 immediately and report his whereabouts," David said.

Police reportedly seized bout 500 grams of "ice" during the operation.

The report did not mention whether Ling or any officers were injured in the incident.

David said the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force had been investigating reports that the two were selling large amounts of "ice" at their home on Middle Road in Garapan.

Cultural Heritage and Arts Pacifica Exhibit opens next month

The Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture will open an art exhibit next month as part of the Cultural Heritage Month celebration in the CNMI.

The Annual CNMI Cultural Heritage and Arts Pacifica Exhibit, which will be free for the public, will run from Sept. 1 to 30 at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in Susupe.

The Heritage Exhibit will feature traditional Chamorro and Carolinian crafts while the Arts Pacifica Exhibit will feature artworks from the Micronesia, Polynesia, Melanesia and other Pacific Islands.

"CCAC aims to continue the efforts of promoting, protecting and preserving our unique cultures [through] exhibits like such," said arts coordinator Lucille Ayuyu.

According to Ayuyu, the exhibit is also an opportunity for the public to appreciate the unique quality of the arts and culture of Chamorros and Carolinians as well as those of other island cultures.

All registered and non-registered artists and art collectors in the CNMI are encouraged to submit and register their works of art depicting culture to be displayed at the exhibit.

Registration will be held from Aug. 16 to 27, 8am to 4pm, at the CCAC office located in Capital Hill. No fee is required upon registration.

For more information, contact Lucille Ayuyu at 322-9982 or 83. (Clarissa David)

On Wednesday afternoon, David said, the task force and members of the DPS Criminal Investigation Bureau launched a narcotics operation on Yu and Ling.

He said the task force managed to buy "ice" from the couple and that Superior Court associate judge Kenneth Govendo issued a search and arrest warrant for the suspects.

That same day, Wednesday, at 3:50pm, task force officers spotted the couple in a white Toyota Land Cruiser along Middle Road in Gualo Rai.

David said that task force agents

attempted to stop the suspects' vehicle to arrest them, but the Land Cruiser fled the scene by ramming into the task force's vehicle.

Agents followed the vehicle along Middle Road, but the suspects' vehicle crashed at a residence in Chalan Kiya.

David said Ling was appre-

hended at the scene, but Yu escaped on foot.

Task force officer Dennis Reves stated in his report that Yu has a prior arrest for illegal drugs.

Reyes said that on Tuesday, using a cooperating defendant, they were able to buy \$200 worth of "ice" from the suspects.





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Closing arguments in Leon Guerrero's trial

- » Defense attorney: Show me the money!
- » Prosecutor: Money in Leon Guerrero's pocket

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com

The prosecution and the defense completed yesterday the closing arguments in the ongoing jury trial in federal court of Christopher Leon Guerrero, a veteran police officer being charged with extortion.

The closing arguments followed the testimony of the last defense witness, Leon Guerrero's wife. Assistant U.S. Attorney Eric O'Malley did not cross-examine the wife.

In his closing arguments, defense lawyer David Banes reiterated his opening statement, "Show me the money!," a line made famous in the 1996 movie Jerry Maguire, starring Tom Cruise. In response, O'Malley said the money went to Leon Guerrero's pocket.

O'Malley said accepting money from a suspect is not only a problem but illegal. He urged the jurors to listen to the

recorded conversations between Leon Guerrero and the confidential source, Tiger.

"[The] defendant knew the risk and he crossed the line." O'Malley said.

The prosecutor played in court several secretly recorded conversations as he explained the sequence of how the \$1,000 bribery started and how Leon Guerrero accepted the money from Tiger.

"Evidence are evidence. The recordings are recordings. That's all what you need to know to decide the case,"

Banes told the jurors that they never saw the money and that there's no video to corroborate the allegations that his client received bribes from Tiger.

Banes said this case "is a tragedy" as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the U.S. Marshals failed miserably to do their job.

"From June 13, 2009, and continuing, it's a tragedy that can happen to anybody," he said, adding that a 15-year veteran police officer was forced into retirement.

Banes said that, according to Sgt. Sylvan Rangamar, the then head of the Department of Public Safety's Criminal Investigation Division, there's no problem with releasing the confiscated car as long as there's approval from the Office of the Attorney General.

He said the U.S. government did not present any witnesses why the cars of Tiger and another suspect should not be released

Banes showed the jurors a DPS official document that shows the car was indeed released to Tiger.

He said anybody, including the FBI. could have obtained the document.

Banes pointed out that, according to Rangamar, Tiger and the other suspect are still under investigation and that their cases were not pursued because there was a lack of manpower at DPS.

Banes said Leon Guerrero, through Tiger, had been investigating a wider criminal organization engaged in illegal drugs.

He said the federal agents' investigation stopped Leon Guerrero from completing his investigation of a company involved in selling illegal drugs.

Banes said Tiger was hoping he could get something from the federal government so he would not be deported.

"So far it worked. He's not deported," he said.

Banes also questioned why Leon Guerrero was not immediately arrested when he allegedly received the bribe money from Tiger.

Just like in movies, he said, when a suspect is busted, agents with drawn weapons would just jump in to arrest the person.

Banes said Leon Guerrero was trying to lead Tiger on because he wanted to get the big fish.

Banes said Leon Guerrero, a police officer for 15 years, is a good detective, a good father to his children, and good husband.

"Let him go. Let him go back to his family. He suffered enough," he said.

In his rebuttal, O'Malley said that back in June 2009, Tiger and the other taxicab operator should have been arrested and their car seized, jailed, and maybe deported.

O'Malley said it never happened because Leon Guerrero accepted payments.

"Listen to the tape, it's very clear," O'Malley said.

As to why the FBI did not immediately arrest Leon Guerrero after Tiger handed over the bribe, O'Malley said Banes really like movies. He said the agents had to consider everything, particularly security since Leon Guerrero had a gun.

O'Malley said none of the alternatives cited by Banes make any sense.

"Where is this money? They went to the defendant's pocket,"

Leon Guerrero is charged with two counts of extortion under color of official right.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge David O. Carter is expected to give the jury instructions today at 8:30am. Jury deliberations will then follow.





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CNMI is first to finish 2010 Census among insular areas

By CLARISSA V. DAVID

The CNMI is the first insular area to complete its census operations, as follow-up activities on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota wrapped up several weeks ahead of schedule.

The 2010 Census is a count of everyone living in the United States, its territories, and insular areas, including the CNMI, Guam, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Mandated by the U.S. Constitution, the census is conducted every 10 years. The CNMI has participated in the U.S. Census since 1950.

Follow-up fieldwork on Rota and Tinian was completed a few weeks ago while Saipan concluded last week.

According to the Local Census Office, they are now in the process of packing the census forms for tabulation and analysis in the United States.

After all census materials are sent to the mainland for processing, the remaining staff will complete required reports, pack all remaining materials and officially close the office on Aug. 31 as scheduled.

"We are so proud to be the first to finish. Our staff worked hard and CNMI residents took the Census very seriously and cooperated with our staff ensuring they were counted," said Local Census Office manager Juan Borja.

Commerce Secretary Michael Ada said he is pleased with the outcome of the 2010 CNMI Census.

"The effective leadership demonstrated by the CNMI Census Management and the dedication of the field staff enabled our community to effectively execute this important and massive undertaking without incident," he said.

Ada commended the hard work and dedication of the community, which resulted to the timely completion of the census.

U.S. Census adviser Rebecca Diaz-Cartagena expressed appreciation to the staff and residents "for their dedication to the project."

"It is hard to believe that my time in the CNMI is coming to an end. Everyone made me feel like I was part of their family and it made being far away from home so much easier," she added.

With the completion of the 2010 CNMI Census, Borja said the CNMI will be able to get its fair share of the federal funding because of the "accurate count and true snapshot of who we are as a Commonwealth."

Tinian an evening of rest and

"What about community

Census data are used to distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year, and to help government and community leaders make decisions about what services to provide.

The CNMI Local Census Office will remain open until Aug. 31, Mondays through Fridays, 8am to 5pm.

For more information, call 288-3027 or 23 or visit the census office located at the International Terminal Loop next to the Saipan International Airport.

'CNMI can start capitalizing on spinoff biz from military buildup'

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

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While the massive military buildup in the Marianas has nothing concrete yet in the way of direct economic benefit to the CNMI, Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Douglas Brennan said businesses "can at least try to capitalize on any spinoff business we can garner."

He cited, for example, the creation of a packing facility for agricultural products so that the CNMI could become a cost effective supplier to the military in Guam.

Another idea is for the Marianas Visitors Authority to plan a marketing strategy to make the CNMI "the ultimate weekend getaway spot for military personnel stationed in Guam."

Brennan said the relocation

plan does not mean much to the CNMI at this time but he sees the distinct possibility of increased shipping to and from Saipan.

"With more ships operating in the area, the chances are good that the CNMI can entice more and regular visits. The cost of shipping is ridiculous right now. If we have any chance at all of exporting goods from the CNMI to Guam, now is the time to start planning, asking questions and laying the groundwork," Brennan, who is also the manager of Microl Corp., said in his address to Chamber members.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is the largest business organization in the CNMI with some 150 members.

Some 8,600 U.S. Marines and their 9,000 dependents will be relocated from Okinawa in Japan to Guam as part of a realignment plan.

Because the Guam facilities are not enough to accommodate the required training of these relocated Marines, some of the training will have to be done on Tinian where some two-thirds of its land is leased by the U.S. Department of Defense.

The Defense Department had just released the Final Environmental Impact Statement on the military buildup.

The multi-volume Final EIS details the Defense Department's buildup plans and analyses of the buildup's impacts on Guam and the CNMI.

Under the EIS, the proposed live-fire training ranges on Tinian would be able to support the required training of 200 to 400 U.S. Marines on Tinian within a one-week period, 12 times a year.

The four proposed live-fire

training ranges on Tinian include a platoon battle course, an automated combat pistol/military police firearms qualification course, rifle known distance range, and a field firing range.

But the Saipan Chamber of Commerce wants to know whether the military would allow the Marines training on

recreation at the end of their weeklong training maneuvers.

service projects in conjunction with the training exercises?" he

Commerce Secretary Michael Ada said the CNMI Military Integrated Management Com-

mittee is reviewing the Final EIS, adding that the panel wants to use video teleconferencing equipment for Saipan, Tinian and Rota to reduce costs associated with government travel.

This would also allow for communication with Guam and Washington, D.C. on military issues affecting the CNMI.



Tracking, Surveillance, and Integration.



Kilili wants \$250 COL payment for those on Social Security

bill or put some more food on the table," says Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP). "It's the right thing to do."

Concerned that seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities could face a year without a cost of living increase in their benefits, Sablan joined 84 other members of the House of Representatives

"\$250 can help pay a utility as an original co-sponsor of a bill providing a one-time payment of \$250 to those who depend on Social Security.

The Seniors Protection Act of 2010, H.R. 5987, authored by Earl Pomeroy (D-ND), chairman of the House Subcommittee on Social Security, was introduced on Friday, July 30.

"Seniors and others who de-

pend for a large part of their annual income on Social Security are especially hard hit by the tough times we are living through," said Sablan.

"We included a \$250 makeup check in the Recovery Act last year. 2,570 Social Security recipients in the Northern Marianas received those checks, which pumped \$642,420 into our local economy.

"It looks like we may have to do the same this year."

The \$250 payment to seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities, who receive Social Security, will only kick in, if the there is no cost of living increase announced on Oct. 15.

Since 1975 Social Security benefits have increased each year to make up for increases in the price of goods. But because economic growth is slow, prices have not changed on average. So, it is expected the Social Security Administration will not announce a cost of living increase.

"There is a problem with the way this formula is calculated," according to Sablan. "It doesn't take into account how much of seniors' money goes to health care. And health care costs have continued to rise, even in this economy.

"For that reason I have also co-sponsored H.R. 2365, the Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers Act. This of Labor to prepare a monthly Consumer Price Index for those ages 62 and over. The bill also requires this number to be used in the computation of cost-ofliving increases for Social Security and Medicare benefits.

"H.R. 2365 would reduce the need for the kind of special payment—the \$250 check—that we are proposing for this year."

Social Security benefits are an increasingly important stream of income to the Northern Marianas economy. From 2003 to 2009 Social Security payments to people in the NMI rose from \$10 million to \$15 million.

"Most of this Social Security requires the U.S. Department money did go directly into our local economy to pay for food and utilities and the other basic necessities of life," Sablan says. "So it's important to seniors and veterans and disabled persons, who receive the benefits, but it's important to local businesses, too." (PR)

Green Meadow School welcomes new teachers

The Green Meadow School has two new teachers: Bona Angeles and Romulo Badilles.

With over 17 years of teaching experience, Teacher Bona, as she will be fondly called soon, holds a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. Further education earned for herself a certificate in Physical Education. Teacher Bona is assigned as the 4th grade adviser at GMS. She will be the P.E. coordinator for all grade levels.



Angeles

day, Aug. 9, 2010—holds a bachelor's degree in Secondary Education. His

Badilles—"Teacher Romy" starting Mon-

job experiences include a teaching job at Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja on Rota. Prior to working on Rota, Teacher Romy was a college professor for over five years in the Philippines. At GMS, he will be in charge of the 6th grade

class as adviser. (PR)

Badilles



DEFENSE BRIEFING

Former CNMI governor Juan N. Babauta, right, poses with U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense William Lynn III on July 27, 2010, in Guam at the University of Guam. Babauta was invited to the Secretary's briefing on the Guam and CNMI Military Relocation Final Environmental Impact Statement.

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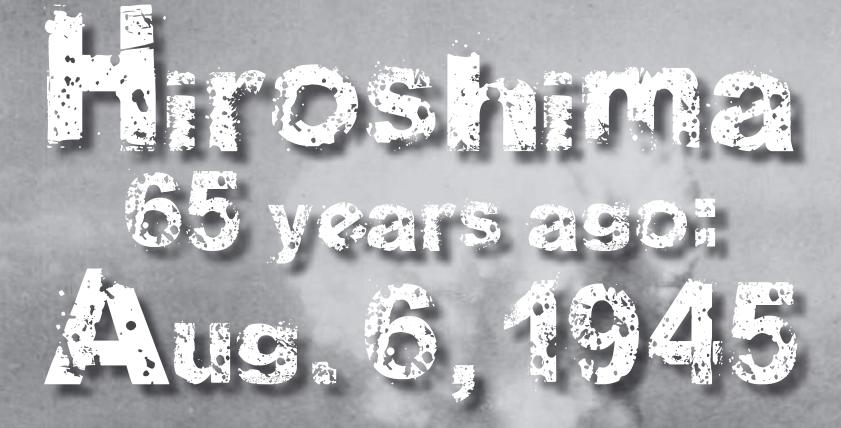
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A mushroom cloud forms over the Japanese city of Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945. At the time this photo was made, smoke billowed 20,000 feet above the city while smoke from the burst of the atomic bomb spread over 10,000 feet on the target at the base of the rising column. The explosion was of incredible intensity and of extremely short initial duration (perhaps one micro-second) with a fireball lasting up to one second, instantly killing an estimated 70,000 to 80,000 people.

Researched by WILLIAM H. STEWART

SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

ixty-five years ago on Aug. 6, 1945, the island of Tinian would forever be linked with the dawn of atomic warfare and the destruction of Hiroshima, which hastened the end of World War II. Nine days later on Aug. 15, President Truman accepted Japan's surrender (formally on Sept. 2). Thus, after 1,346 days, hostilities in the Pacific came to an end.



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» A personal account of that fateful day 65 years ago

As author Barrett Tillman, observes in his book, Whirlwind—The Air War Against Japan 1942-1945 (Simon & Schuster), defenders of the atomic bombing stress the lives saved on both sides in avoiding blockade or invasion of Japan by allied forces. Those spared include hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of Japanese who escaped death by starvation-let alone invasion—and tens of thousands of Allied POW's who almost certainly would have been killed. Moreover, those spared included an immense number of Asians—perhaps 100,000 or more per month in China alone—who were dying of disease, famine and brutality.

Before the dropping of the bomb on Hiroshima and three days later on Nagasaki, "Operation Olympic" was the name of the overall U.S. military plan for the invasion of Kyushu (the southernmost main Japanese island) which was scheduled for November 1945."Operation Coronet" was the name of the Allied plan for invasion of the Kanto plain near Tokyo, scheduled for Spring 1946.

These military operations never took place because Japan surrendered in August 1945, following the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and upon the Soviet Union's declaration of war on Japan.

Prior to the dropping of the atomic bombs the Japanese had their own plans for dealing with an Allied invasion. Initially, they were concerned about an invasion during the summer of 1945. While Japan no longer had a realistic prospect of winning the war, Japan's leaders believed they could make the cost of conquering Japan too high for the Allies to accept, leading to some sort of armistice rather than total defeat. The Japanese plan for defeating the invasion was called Operation Ketsug? (Sakusen?) code name "Operation Decision." The Japanese had secretly constructed an underground headquarters which could be used in the event of Allied invasion to shelter the Emperor and Imperial General Staff.

Looking back on the period, former editor for *Military Review*, D.M. Gian-

Why Hiroshima?

The reason for selecting Hiroshima as the first target is presented below as taken from official documents. With the exception of some necessary editing due to space limitations, the following has been reproduced in condensed form from the Top Secret "Tactical Mission Report," Headquarters Twentieth Air Force APO 234. No attempt has been made to correct the typographic errors.

TOP SECRET

Reason for Selection of Targets:

(a) Hiroshima is highly important as an industrial target. Prior to this attack, Hiroshima ranked as the largest city in the Japanese homeland (except Kyoto) which remained undamaged by the B-29 incendiary strikes. The city had a population of 344,000 in 1940.

Hiroshima is an army city—headquarters of the 5th Division and a primary port of embarkation. The entire northeastern and eastern sides of the city are military zones. Prominent in the north central part of the city are the Army Division Headquarters marked by the Hiroshima Castle, numerous barracks, administration buildings and ordnance storage houses. The fact that Hiroshima was undamaged made it an ideal target. This was deemed necessary to assess correctly the damage which could be inflicted by the Atomic Bomb. The size of the city was another important factor in the selection. According to preliminary data, it was believed that the radius of damage which could be inflicted by the Atomic Bomb was 7,500 feet. By placing the aiming point in the center of the city,

gets as to situation and overall construction and for those reasons was made the tertiary target. Nagasaki, one of Japan's leading shipbuilding and repair centers, is also important for its production of naval ordnance and its function as a major military port. Another factor which entered into the selection of Nagasaki as a target was the fact that it was virtually untouched by previous bombings, thus enabling an accurate assessment. The size of the city made it ideal for an Atomic Bomb attack.

The city is the third largest on the is-

land of Kyushu, with a population of

253,000 persons. The city measures

approximately 5 miles from north to

south and 5 miles from east to west

and it was believed that an accurate

drop would destroy the bulk of the

city east of the harbor and possibly

carry across to the western shore.

the circle of prospective damage

covered almost the entire area of

Hiroshima with the exception of the

(b) Kokura and Nagasaki contained

essentially the same characteristics

for a good target as Hiroshima, with

the exception that they both had

prisoner of war camps nearby. Naga-

saki was the poorest of the three tar-

dock area to the south.

greco, author of the book *Hell to Pay:* Operation Downfall and the Invasion of Japan, 1945-47, synthesized years of research in a definitive analysis of America's motives for using atomic bombs against Japan in 1945. The nuclear bombing of Japan, he concludes, "was undertaken in the context

of 'Operation Downfall,' the overall code name for a series of invasions of the Japanese islands. American planners estimated it would initially cause anywhere from a quarter-million to a million U.S. casualties, plus millions of Japanese."

Author Giangreco based his analysis

on "America's growing war weariness and declining manpower resources after examining the Japanese militarists' continuing belief that they could defeat the U.S. Japan had almost 13,000 planes available for suicide attacks, and plans for the defense of Kyushu, the U.S.'s initial invasion site, were elaborate and sophisticated, deploying over 900,000 men."

William Manchester in his book *American Caesar*, (Little Brown, 1978), wrote: "All Japanese males age 15 to 60, and all females aged 17 to 45, had been conscripted. Their weapons included ancient bronze cannon, muzzle-loading muskets, bamboo spears, and bows and arrows.

Even little children had been trained to strap explosives around their waists, roll under tank treads, and blow themselves up. This was the fanaticism of the enemy. Manning ground defenses of Japan's home islands were 2.3 million regular soldiers; 250,000 garrison troops; 32 million civilian militiamen—a total of 34.6 million—more than the combined armies of the United States, Great Britain and Nazi Germany. This force was supported by thousands of kamikaze planes, enormous connecting underground caves stocked with thousands of tons of ammunition and food. This was what awaited American forces in "Operation Downfall" should the Japanese home islands be invaded which were scheduled for the Fall of 1945 with as many as one million U.S. casualties anticipated."

Author Giangreco points out, "Japanese and American documents offer a chillingly clear-eyed picture of a battle of attrition so daunting that Army Chief of Staff George C. Marshall considered using atomic and chemical weapons to support the operation." Faced with this conundrum, in Giangreco's review of the situation at the time, he concludes, "President Truman took what seemed the least worst option."

After the conclusion of hostilities the United States sent a medical team to Hiroshima to evaluate the medical effects of the atomic bomb. The following is an excerpt from the results of the

An Allied correspondent stands in a sea of rubble in Hiroshima on Sept. 8, 1945.

mission as published in a secret report titled, ATOMIC BOMBS, Hiroshima AND NAGASAKI, Article 1 - Medical Effects, Intelligence Targets Japan (DNI) of 4 Sept., 1945. The report was later declassified. Included therein is a rare, little publicized eyewitness account of a German Catholic Priest. Father Siemes' observations are presented below following the introduction of the medical team:

"Hiroshima was a city of some 300,000 to 350,000 inhabitants, situated on a low flat plain. A parade ground occupied about one-third of the central circle of one-kilometer radius.

"The bulk of the construction in the city was of one or two-story Japanese wooden houses with heavy tile roofs. Scattered buildings were of modern fire-proof construction. In general the streets were narrow and houses closely packed.

"On 6 August 1945, at 0814, just after the all clear air raid signal had been given, the first atomic bomb was dropped by parachute and exploded at a height estimated to be 570 meters. The hypocenter (the projection of the center on the earth) was near the parade ground.

"The explosion was of incredible intensity and of extremely short initial duration (perhaps one micro-second) with a fire ball lasting up to one second. Nearly the whole electro-magnetic spectrum was apparently emitted, as well as a neutron cloud. Gamma radiation was produced by neutron bombardment of atmospheric nitrogen.

"The day was clear, hot and dry, with a light easterly wind, but soon after the explosion showers occurred in the western portion of the city.

"The following account of Father Siemes is so accurate and graphic that it is given verbatim and will be the only lay account presented for this city."

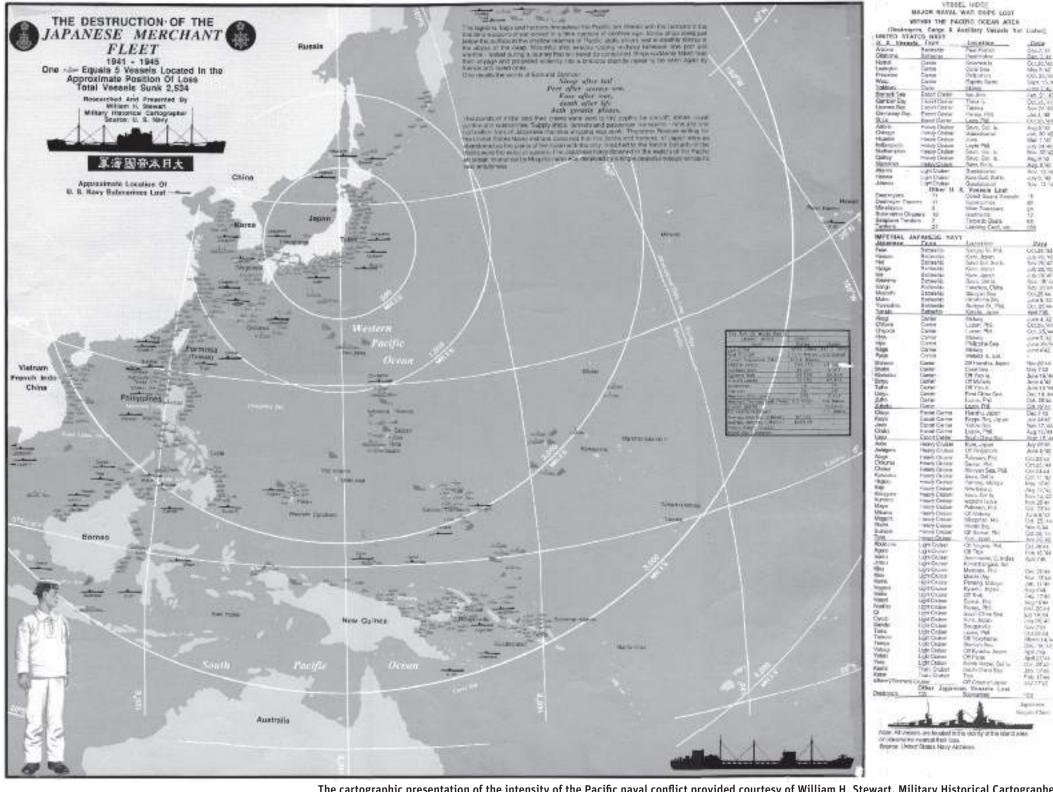
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Eyewitness Account of Father Siemes (verbatim)

Up to August 6th, occasional bombs, which did no great damage, had fallen on Hiroshima. Many cities roundabout, one after the other, were destroyed, but Hiroshima itself remained protected. There were almost daily observation planes over the city but none of them dropped a bomb. The citizens wondered why they alone had remained undisturbed for so long a time. There were fantastic rumors that the enemy had something special in mind for this city, but no one dreamed that the end would come in such a fashion as on the morning of August 6th.

August 6th began in a bright, clear, summer morning. About seven o'clock there was an air raid alarm which we had heard almost every day and a few planes appeared over the city. No one paid any attention and at about eight o'clock, the all-clear was sounded. I am sitting in my room at the Novitiate of the Society of Jesus in Nagatsuka; during the past half year, the philosophical and theological section of our Mission had been evacuated to this place from Tokyo. The Novitiate is situated approximately two kilometers from Hiroshima. I have a wonderful view down the valley to the city.

Suddenly—the time is approximately 8:14—the whole valley is filled by a See DESCENT on next page



The cartographic presentation of the intensity of the Pacific naval conflict provided courtesy of William H. Stewart, Military Historical Cartographer

garish light which resembles the magnesium light used in photography, and I am conscious of a wave of heat. I jump to the window to find out the cause of this remarkable phenomenon, but I see nothing more than that brilliant yellow light.

As I make for the door, it doesn't occur to me that the light might have something to do with enemy planes. On the way from the window, I hear a moderately loud explosion which seems to come from a distance and, at the same time, the windows are broken in with a loud crash. There has been an interval of perhaps 10 seconds since the flash of light. I am sprayed by fragments of glass.

Down in the valley, perhaps one kilometer toward the city from us, several peasant homes are on fire and the woods on the opposite side of the valley are aflame. A few of us go over to help control the flames. While we are attempting to put things in order, a storm comes up and it begins to rain.

Over the city, clouds of smoke are rising and I hear a few slight explosions. I come to the conclusion that an incendiary bomb with a especially strong explosive action has gone off down in the valley. A few of us saw three planes at great altitude over the city at the time of the explosion. I, myself, saw no aircraft whatsoever.

Perhaps a half-hour after the explosion, a procession of people begins to stream up the valley from the city. The crowd thickens continuously. A few come up the road to our house. Their steps are dragging. Many are bleeding or have suffered burns. We give them first aid and bring them into the chapel, which we have in the meantime cleaned and cleared of wreckage, and put them to rest on straw mats which constitute the floor of Japanese houses. A few display horrible wounds of the extremities and back. The small quantity of fat which we possessed during this time of war was soon used up in the care of burns. Father Rektor who, before taking holy orders, had studied medicine, ministers to the injured, but our bandages and drugs are soon gone. We must be content with cleaning the wounds. More and more of the injured come to us. The least injured drag the more seriously wounded. There are wounded soldiers, and mothers carrying burned children in their arms. From the houses of the farmers in the valley comes word: "Our houses are full of wounded and dying. Can you help, at least by taking the worst cases?" The wounded come from the sections at the edge of the city. They saw the bright light, their houses collapsed and buried the inmates in their rooms. Those that were in the open suffered instantaneous burns, particularly on the lightly clothed or unclothed parts of the body. Numerous fires sprang up which soon consumed the entire district.

Soon comes news that the entire city has been destroyed by the explosion and that it is on fire. What became of Father Superior and the three Brothers who were at the center of the city at the Central Mission and Perish

House? We had up to this time not given them a thought because we did not believe that the effects of the bomb encompassed the entire city. Also, we did not want to go into town except under pressure of dire necessity, because we thought the population was greatly perturbed and that it might take revenge on any foreigners who they might consider spiteful onlookers of their misfortune, or even spies.

In a purposeless, insensate manner, distraught by the magnitude of the disaster, most of them rush by and none conceive the thought of organizing help on his own initiative. They are concerned only with the welfare of their own families. It became clearer to us during these days that the Japanese displayed little initiative, preparedness, and organizational skill in preparing for catastrophes. They despaired of any rescue work when something could have been saved by a cooperative effort, and fatalistically let the catastrophe take its course. When we urged them to take part in the rescue work, they did everything willingly, but on their own initiative they did very little.

At about four o'clock in the afternoon, a theology student and two kindergarten children, who lived at the Parish House in the city, come and report that Father Superior La Salle and Father Schiffer had been seriously injured and that they had taken refuge in Asano Park on the River bank. It is obvious that we must bring them in since they are too weak to come here on foot. Hurriedly, we get together two stretchers and seven of us rush toward the city. Father Rektor comes along with food and medicine. The closer we get to the city, the greater is the evidence of destruction and the more difficult it is to make our way. The houses at the edge of the city are all severely damaged. Many have collapsed or burned down. Further in, almost all of the dwellings have been damaged by fire. Where the city stood, there is a gigantic burned-out scar.

We make our way along the street on the riverbank among the burning and smoking ruins. Twice we are forced into the river itself by the heat and smoke at the level of the street. Frightfully burned people beckon to us. Along the way, there are many dead and dying. On the Misasa Bridge, which leads into the inner city, we are met by a long procession of soldiers who have suffered burns. They drag themselves along with the help of staves or are carried by their less severely injured comrades—an endless procession of the unfortunate. Abandoned on the bridge, there stand with sunken heads a number of horses with large burns on their flanks. On the far side, the cement structure of the local hospital is the only building that remains standing. Its interior, however, has been burned out. It acts as a landmark to guide us on our way. Finally we reach the entrance of the park.

A large proportion of the populace has taken refuge there, but even the trees of the park are on fire in several places. Paths and bridges are blocked

by trunks of fallen trees and are almost impassable. We are told that a high wind, which may well have resulted from the heat of the burning city, had uprooted the large trees. It is now quite dark. Only the fires, which are still raging in some places at a distance, give out a little light. At the far corner of the park, on the riverbank itself, we at last come upon our colleagues. Father Schiffer is on the ground pale as a ghost. He has a deep incised wound behind his ear and has lost so much blood that we are concerned about his chances for survival. The Father Superior had suffered a deep would of the lower leg. Father Gieslik and Father Kleinsorge have minor injuries but are completely exhausted.

While they are eating the food that we have brought along, they tell us of their experiences. They were in their rooms at the Parish House—it was a quarter after eight, exactly the time when we had heard the explosion in Nagatsuka—when came this intense light and immediately thereafter the sound of breaking windows, walls and furniture. They were showered with glass splinters and fragments of wreckage. Father Schiffer was buried beneath a portion of a wall and suffered a severe head injury. The Father Superior received most of the splinters in his back and lower extremity from which he bled copiously.

Fukai, the secretary of the Mission is completely out of his mind. He does not

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Tinian: The Final Offensive

By WILLIAM H. STEWART
MILITARY HISTORICAL CARTOGRAPHER

The Transformation of Tinian

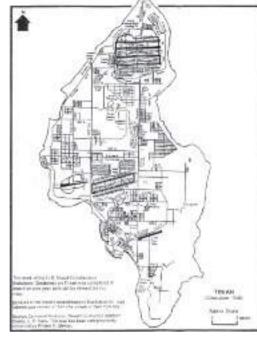
By 1944 the United States had produced a longrange bomber that had the capability of flying the round trip distance from the Mariana Islands to the Japanese home islands. In June 1944, the islands were assaulted by U. S. forces for the purpose of obtaining airfields from which to launch the new B-29 Superfortresses against Japan. Airfields were also scheduled for construction on Guam and Saipan.

The Construction Effort

The construction of the airfields on Tinian was the largest building activity the United States Naval Construction Battalion (Seabees) had ever undertaken up to that time. They built six huge bomber strips, each a mile and a half long and a block wide, along with 11 miles of taxiways with "hardstands" sufficient to park 300 aircraft.

The Seabees dug, blasted, scraped and moved 11 million cubic yards of earth and coral on Tinian. This quantity of material would fill a line of dump trucks 900 long. Piled on a city block, the earth and coral they moved could form a pyramid two-thirds of a mile in height. Their equipment was kept busy 20 hours a day while welding crews worked to repair bulldozers, shovels and trucks damaged as a result of the rough construction activity. The 15,000 Seabees on Tinian operated a wide assortment of cranes and other equipment including asphalt plants to pave the airstrips. In addition to the airfields they built Quonset huts and other service buildings. Every airstrip was completed on time and none required more than 53 days to build.

The Seabee's motto, "We Build, We Fight" and



their can-do spirit distinguished this group as being able to do any kind of work, any place, under any conditions. The efforts of the 6th and 107th Construction Brigades were remarkable.

Many Seabee groups would "adopt" an aircraft and when they did the quality of life for the crew of the plane improved considerably as the Seabees provided the crew of "their" Superfortress with better Quonset huts, washing machines, better mattresses, ice cream and other comforts of life.

Construction of the Bomb

Some 7,300 miles east of Tinian, a plant had been constructed at Oak Ridge, Tennessee in early 1943 for the manufacture of materials for the atomic bombs that would be launched from an island in the Marianas. This huge effort involved

200 prime contractors, 200 million board feet of lumber, 400,000 cubic yards of concrete, 100,000 tons of steel, 750 buildings, 30,000 bachelor quarters, 15,000 family housing units, 55,000 carloads of material and equipment and 12,000 pieces of construction equipment—all in use at the same time. The main building was over a mile long. The facility's steam power plant generated 238,000 kilowatts and its three boilers produced 750,000 pounds of steam per hour. Fifty railroad cars were required each day to fuel the plant's boilers.

The first atomic bomb was assembled at Los Alamos and detonated at Alamogordo, New Mexico on July 16, 1945 at 5:30am. Codenamed "Trinity", the detonation was a weapons-proof shot in preparation for the attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki the following month.

Secret Cargo To Tinian

On July 16, 1945, a U.S. Navy vessel left San Francisco for the island of Tinian with a cargo so secret that Harry S. Truman, President of the United States and commander-In-chief of the armed forces, had learned about it only some three months earlier and, only then, after assuming the Presidency upon the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt on April 12th. The heavy cruiser *In*dianapolis was ordered to proceed to the Mariana Islands at all possible speed and in doing so would break all records for crossing 5,000 miles of the Pacific in 10 days. The captain had not been informed of the nature of his cargo but was told to keep it under guard at all times. If something happened to the ship that would keep it from reaching its destination he was cautioned to protect the cargo at all cost even if it meant placing it in a lifeboat at the expense of drowning sailors.

The vessel arrived on Tinian on July 26th and its cargo was discharged for what was to be an un-

known and unheard of use. For those who could understand, it was Albert Einstein's mathematical expression that proves that small particles of matter correspond to unimaginable quantities of energy. The formula E=MC2, when applied, means that the energy released from a particular mass of material is equal to the weight of the material multiplied by the square of the speed of light expressed in centimeters per second (the square of 186,000 miles per second). For example, one gram of matter is equivalent to 25 million kilowatt hours or the energy of 3,000 tons of coal.

Target Selection

Two days before the *Indianapolis* arrived on Tinian, Gen. Carl Spaatz, the new commander of Strategic Air Forces in the Pacific, was issued his orders. "The 20th Air Force will deliver its first special bomb as soon as weather permits visual bombing after 3 August, 1945 on one of the following targets: Kokura, Hiroshima, Nagato or Nagasaki."

These cities were selected since up to this time they had been spared American incendiary attacks so that the full force and impact of the "special" bomb could be observed by the Japanese.

The Indianapolis discharged its cargo of lead containers and the bomb's firing device at Tinian. The ship's orders were to proceed to Guam and then Leyte in the Philippines for redeployment. Its estimated time of arrival was scheduled for sunrise, Aug. 1st. On July 28th the vessel departed Guam and steamed westward toward Asia. The Indianapolis delivered only the material for the first bomb. Fearing that something might happen to the ship before it reached the island, and unknown to any aboard the vessel, material for a second bomb of plutonium had been flown to Tinian by transports from the United States thus ensuring that at least one of the two atomic bombs in the American arsenal would reach the assembly and launch area.

The *Indianapolis* was sunk by a Japanese submarine after delivering its cargo to Tinian. The story of the vessel's loss may be examined together with other World War II historical accounts as they relate to the Northern Marianas at http://www.saipanstewart.com.

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want to leave the house and explains that he does not want to survive the destruction of his fatherland. He is completely uninjured. Father Kleinsorge drags him out of the house on his back and he is forcefully carried away. Beneath the wreckage of the houses along the way, many have been trapped and they scream to be rescued from the oncoming flames. They must be left to their fate. The way to the place in the city to which one desires to flee is no longer open and one must make for Asano Park. Fukai does not want to go further and remains behind. He has not been heard from since.

In the park, we take refuge on the bank of the river. A very violent whirlwind now begins to uproot large trees, and lifts them high into the air. As it reaches the water, a waterspout luckily passes us by. Some distance away, however, where numerous refugees have taken shelter, many are blown into the river.

Almost all who are in the vicinity have been injured and lost relatives who have been pinned under the wreckage or who have been lost sight of during the flight. There is no help for the wounded and some die. No one pays any attention to a dead man lying nearby. The transportation of our wounded is difficult. It is not possible to dress their wounds in the darkness, and they bleed again upon slight motion. As we carry them on the shaky litters in the dark over the fallen trees in the park, they suffer unbearable pain as the result of the movement, and lose dangerously large quantities of blood. Our succoring angel in this difficult situation is an unknown Japanese Protestant pastor. He has brought up a boat and offers to take our wounded upstream to a place where progress is easier. First, we lower the litter containing Father Schiffer into the boat and two of us accompany him. We plan to bring the boat back for the Father Superior.

The boat returns about one-half hour latter and the pastor requests that several of us help in the rescue of two children whom he had seen in the river. We rescue them. They have severe burns. Soon they suffer chills and die in the park. The Father Superior is conveyed in the boat in the same manner as Father Schiffer. The theology student and myself accompany him. Father Gieslik considers himself strong enough to make his way on foot to Nagatsuka with the rest of us, but Father Kleinsorge cannot walk so far and we leave him behind and promise to come for him and the housekeeper tomorrow.

From the other side of the stream comes the whinny of horses who are threatened by the fire. We land on a sand spit which juts out from the shore. It is full of wounded who have taken refuge there. They scream for aid for they are afraid of drowning as the river may rise with the sea, and cover the sand spit. They themselves are too weak to move. However, we must press on and finally we reach the spot where the group containing Father Schiffer is waiting.

Here a rescue party had brought a large case of fresh rice cakes but there is no one to distribute them to the numerous wounded that lie all about. We distribute them to those that are nearby and also help ourselves. The wounded call for water and we come to the aid of a few. Cries for help are heard from a distance, but we cannot approach the ruins from which they come. A troop of soldiers comes along the road and their officer notices that we speak a strange language. He at once draws his sword, screamingly demands who we are and threatens to cut us down. Father Laures Jr., seizes his arm and explains that we are German. We finally quiet him down. He thought that we might well be Americans who had parachuted down. Rumors of parachutists were being bandied about the city. The Father Superior, who was clothed only in a shirt and trousers, complains of feeling freezing cold, despite the warm summer night and the heat of the burning city. The one man among us who possesses a coat gives it to him and, in addition, I gave him my own shirt. To me, it seems more comfort*able to be without a shirt in the heat.*

In the meantime, it has become midnight. Since there are not enough of us to man both litters with four strong bearers, we determine to remove Father Schiffer first to the outskirts of the city. From there, another group of bearers is to take over to Nagatsuka; the others are to turn back in order to rescue the Father Superior. I am one of the bearers. A theology student goes in front to warn us of the numerous wires, beams, and fragments of ruins which block the way and which are impossible to see in the dark.

Despite all precautions, our progress is stumbling and our feet get tangled in the wire. Father Kruer falls and carries the litter with him. Father Schiffer becomes half unconscious from the fall and vomits. We pass an injured man who sits all alone among the hot ruins

and whom I had seen previously on the

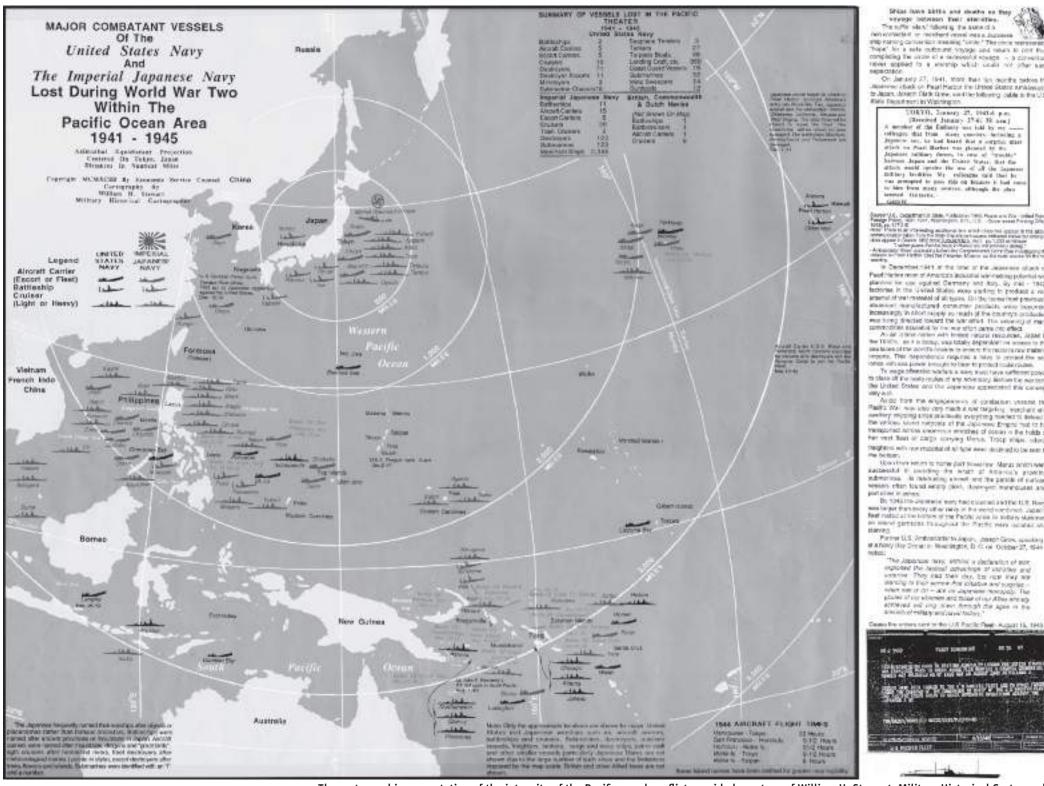
On the Misasa Bridge, we meet Father Tappe and Father Luhmer, who have come to meet us from Nagatsuka. They had dug a family out of the ruins of their collapsed house some 50 meters off the road. The father of the family was already dead. They had dragged out two little girls and placed them by the side of the road. Their mother was still trapped under some beams. They had planned to complete the rescue and then press on to meet us. At the outskirts of the city, we put down the litter and leave two men to wait until those who are to come from Nagatsuka appear. The rest of us turn back to fetch the Father Superior. Most of the ruins have now burned down.

The darkness kindly hides the many forms that lie on the ground. Only occasionally in our quick progress do we hear calls for help. One of us remarks that the remarkable burned smell reminds him of incinerated corpses. The upright, squatting form which we had passed by previously is still there. Transportation on the litter, which has been constructed out of boards, must be very painful to the Father Superior, whose entire back is full of fragments of glass. In a narrow passage at the edge of town, a car forces us to the edge of the road. The litter bearers on the left side fall into a two-meter deep ditch which they could not see in the darkness. Father Superior hides his pain with a dry joke, but the litter which is now no longer in one piece cannot be carried further. We decide to wait until Brother Kinjo can bring a handcart from Nagatsuka. He soon comes back

with one that has been requisitioned from a collapsed house. We place Father Superior on the cart and wheel him the rest of the way, avoiding as much as possible the deeper pits in the road. About half past four in the morning, we finally arrive at the Novitiate. Our rescue expedition had taken almost 12 hours. Normally, one could go back and forth to the city in two hours. Our two wounded were now, for the first time, properly dressed. I get two hours sleep on the floor; someone else has taken my own bed. Then I read Mass in gratiarum actionem; it is the 7th of August, the anniversary of the foundation of our society. Then we bestir ourselves to bring Father Kleinsorge and other acquaintances out of the city.

We take off again with the handcart. The bright day now reveals the frightful picture which last night's darkness had partly concealed. Where the city stood, everything as far as the eye could reach, is a waste of ashes and ruin. Only several skeletons of buildings completely burned out in the interior remain. The banks of the river are covered with dead and wounded, and the rising waters have here and there covered some of the corpses. On the broad street in the Hakuskima district, naked burned cadavers are particularly numerous. Among them are the wounded who still live. A few have crawled under the burnt out autos and trams. Frightfully injured forms beckon to us and then collapse. An old woman and a girl whom she is pulling along with her fall down at our feet. We placed them on our cart and wheel them to the hospital at whose entrance a dressing station has been

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The cartographic presentation of the intensity of the Pacific naval conflict provided courtesy of William H. Stewart, Military Historical Cartographer

set up. Here the wounded lie on the hard floor, row on row. Only the largest wounds are carefully dressed. We convey another soldier and an old woman to this place but we cannot move everybody who lies exposed in the sun. It would be endless and it is questionable whether those whom we can drag to the dressing station can come out alive, because even here nothing really effective can be done. Later, we ascertain that the wounded lay for days in the burntout hallways of the hospital and there they died. We must proceed to our goal in the park and are forced to leave the wounded to their fate.

We make our way to the place where our Church stood to dig up those few belongings that we had buried yesterday. We find them intact. Everything else has been completely burned. In the ashes, we find a few molten remnants of the holy vessels. At three o'clock in the afternoon we are back in Nagatsuka.

After we have had a few swallows and a little food, Fathers Stolte, Luhmer, Erlinghagen and myself take off once again to bring in the family. Father Kleinsorge request that we also rescue two children who had lost their mother and who had lain near him in the park. On the way, we were greeted by strangers who had notice that we were on a mission of mercy and who praised our efforts. We now met groups of individuals who were carrying the wounded about. As we arrived at the Misasa Bridge, the family that had been there was gone. They might well have been borne away in the meantime. There was a group of soldiers at work taking away those that had been sacrificed yesterday.

More than 30 hours had gone by until the first official rescue party had appeared on the scene. We find both children and take them out of the park: a 6-year-old girl who was uninjured, and a 12-year-old girl who had been burned about the head, hands and legs, and who had lain for 30 hours without care in the park. The left side of her face and the left eye were completely covered with blood and pus, so we thought that she had lost the eye. When the wound was later washed, we noted that the eye was intact and that the lids had just become stuck together. On the way home, we took another group of three refugees with us. They first wanted to know, however, of what nationality we were. They too, feared that we might be Americans who had parachuted in. When we arrived in Nagatsuka, it had just become dark.

Our work was, in the eyes of the people, a greater boost for Christianity than all our efforts during the preceding long years. Three of the severely burned in our house died within the next few days. Suddenly the pulse and respiration ceased. It is certainly a sign of our good care that so few died. In the official aid stations and hospitals, a good third or half of those that had been brought in died. They lay about almost without care, and a very high percentage succumbed. Everything was lacking: doctors, assistants, dressings, drugs, etc. In an aid station at school at a nearby village, a group of soldiers

for several days did nothing except to bring in and cremate the dead behind the school. During the next few days, funeral processions passed our house from morning to night, bringing the deceased to a small valley nearby. There, in six places, the dead were burned. People brought their own wood and themselves did the cremation. Even late at night, the little valley was lit up by the funeral pyres.

We made systematic efforts to trace our acquaintances and the families of the refugees whom we had sheltered. Frequently, after the passage of several weeks, someone was found in a distant village or hospital but of many there was no news, and these were apparently dead. We were lucky to discover the mother of the two children whom we found in the park and who had been given up for dead. After three weeks, she saw her children once again. In the great joy of the reunion were mingled the tears for those whom we shall not see again.

The magnitude of the disaster that befell Hiroshima on August 6th was only slowly pieced together in my mind. I lived through the catastrophe and saw it only in flashes, which only gradually were merged to give me a total picture. What actually happened simultaneously in the city as a whole is as follows: As a result of the explosion of the bomb at 8:15, almost the entire city was destroyed at a single blow. Only small outlying districts in the southern and eastern parts of town escaped complete destruction. The bomb exploded over the center of the city. As a result of the

blast, the small Japanese houses in a diameter of five kilometers, which comprised 99 percent of the city, collapsed or were blown up. Those who were in the houses were buried in the ruins. Those who were in the open sustained burns resulting from contact with the substance or rays emitted by the bomb. Where the substance struck in quantity, fires sprang up. These spread rapidly. The heat which rose from the center created a whirlwind which was effective in spreading fire throughout the whole city. Those who had been caught beneath the ruins and who could not be freed rapidly, and those who had been cut off by the flames, became casualties. As much as six kilometers from the center of the explosion, all houses were damaged and many collapsed and caught fire. Even 15 kilometers away, windows were broken. It was rumored that the enemy fliers had first spread an explosive and incendiary material over the city and then created the explosion and ignition. A few maintained that they saw the planes drop a parachute which had carried something that exploded at a height of 1,000 meters. The newspapers called the bomb an "atomic bomb" and noted that the force of the blast had resulted from the explosion of uranium atoms, and gamma rays had been sent out as a result of this, but no one knew anything for certain concerning the nature of the bomb.

How many people were sacrificed to this bomb? Those who had lived through the catastrophe placed the number of the dead at at least 100,000.

Hiroshima had a population of 400,000. Official statistics place the number who had died at 70,000 up to September 1st, not counting the missing—and 130,000 wounded, among them 43,500 severely wounded. Estimates made by ourselves on the basis of groups known to us show that the number of 100,000 dead is not too high. Near us there are two barracks, in each of which 40 Korean workers lived. On the day of the explosion, they were laboring on the streets of Hiroshima. Four returned alive to one barracks and 16 to the other. Six hundred students of the Protestant Girls' School worked in a factory, from which only 30 to 40 returned. Most of the peasant families in the neighborhood lost one or more of their members who had worked at factories in the city. Our next door neighbor, Tamura, lost two children and himself suffered a large wound since, as it happened, he had been in the city on that day. The family of our reader suffered at least two losses, counting only the dead and severely wounded. There died the Mayor, the President of the central Japan district, the Commander of the city, a Korean prince who had been stationed in Hiroshima in the capacity of an officer, and many other high-ranking officers. Of the professors of the University, 32 were killed or severely injured. Especially hard hit were the soldiers. The Pioneer Regiment was almost entirely wiped out. The barracks were near the center of the explosion.

Thousands of wounded who died

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Special Announcement

The CNMI Public School System would like to inform their students, faculty, staff and parents the following important dates

Orientation for New Teachers

August 31 – Saipan

September 2 – Tinian

September 3 – Rot

Reporting Date for all Certified Personnel – September 1, 2010 School Level Professional Development Days – September 1 – 3, 2

First Day of Classes – September 7, 2010

SAIPAN TRIBUNE FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2010 **23**

2010 August Breakfast & Lunch Menu

AVAILABLE DAILY
Cold Cereal with milk is an option each morning. Ask the serving staffl
During lunch, students can choose either milk or bottled water daily.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Aug. 02	Aug. 03	Aug. 04	Aug. 05	Aug. 06
		Breakfast		
Sushi Rice w/ Eggs	Pork Casserole, Rice	Chicken, Mushroom and	Fried Rice	Cinnamon Rolls
Juice	Fresh Fruits	Barley Soup, Pan de Sal	Sausage Patty	Fresh Fruits
		Lunch Choice #1		
BBQ Chicken, Rice	Pizza Burger, Coleslaw	Pork Chops, Red Rice	Meat Lover's Pizza	Lasagna
Corn Salad	Bananas or Papayas	Cucumber Tomato Salad	Veggie Sticks & Dip	Green Beans
Mandarin Oranges	Chocolate Milk	Mixed Melons	Apples or Grapes	Fresh Fruits Chefs Choice
		Lunch Choice #2		
Italian Sub	Ultimate Veggie Pizza	Turkey, Ham & Cheese	Chicken Ceasar Salad	Spicy Chicken, Rice
Mandarin Oranges	Bananas or Papayas	Mixed Melons	Garlic Bread	Green Beans
	Chocolate Milk		Apples or Grapes	Fresh Fruits Chets Choice
Aug. 09	Aug. 10	Aug. 11	Aug. 12	Aug. 13
		Breakfast		
Charakiles Soup w/ Chicken	Beef Casserole	French Toast	Fried Rice	Egg Salad Sandwich
Toast	Rice, Fresh Fruits	Sausage Patties	Chicken Nuggets	Fresh Fruits
		Lunch Choice #1		
Bulgogi, Rice	Crispy Chicken Sandwich	Pulled BBQ Pork, Rice	Taco Pizza	Honey Baked Chicken, Rice
Local Vegetables	Fresh Fruit Chef's Choice	Steamed Broccoli or Mixed	Veggie Sticks & Dip	Baked Sweet Potato
Pear Halves	Chocolate Milk	Vegetable, Mixed Melons	Orange or Tangerines	Fruit Cocktail
		Lunch Choice #2		
Italian Sub	Ultimate Veggie Pizza	Turkey, Ham & Cheese	Chicken Ceasar Salad	Ginger Pork, Rice
Pear Halves	Fresh Fruits Chef's Choice	Mixed Melons	Garlic Bread	Baked Sweet Potato
	Chocolate Milk		Orange or Tangerines	Fruit Cocktail
Aug. 16	Aug. 17	Aug. 18	Aug. 19	Aug. 20
		Breakfast		
sos	Ham & Cheese Casserole	Arrozcaldo Soup	Fried Rice	PB & J
Toast	Rice, Fresh Fruits	Pan de Sal	Grilled Ham	Fresh Fruits
		Lunch Choice #1		
Chicken Stir Fry	Cheeseburger, Coleslaw	Chicken Adobo, Rice	Pepperoni Pizza	Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce
Rice, Corn Salad	Bananas or Papayas	Cucumber Tomato Salad	Veggie Sticks & Dip	Green Beans
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Aug. 23	Aug. 24	Aug. 25	Aug. 26	Aug. 27
		Breakfast		
Corn & Egg Soup	Chicken Casserole, Rice	Pancakes	Fried Rice	Ham & Cheese Melt
Dinner Rolls	Fresh Fruits	Sausage Patty	Bacon Strips	Fresh Fruits
		Lunch Choice #1		
Bisteak, Rice	Club Hoagie	Chicken Teriyaki, Rice	Supreme Pizza	Sloppy Joe on a Roll
Local Vegetables	Fresh Fruit Chef's Choice	Steamed Broccoli or Mixed	Veggie Sticks & Dip	Baked Sweet Potato
Pear Halves	Chocolate Milk	Vegetable, Mixed Melons	Orange or Tangerines	Pineapples
		Lunch Choice #2		
Italian Sub	Ultimate Veggie Pizza	Turkey, Ham & Cheese	Chicken Ceasar Salad	Ginger Pork, Rice
Pear Halves	Fresh Fruits Chef's Choice	Mixed Melons	Garlic Bread	Baked Sweet Potato
	Chocolate Milk		Orange or Tangerines	Pineapples
Aug. 30	Aug. 31	Sept. 01	Sept. 02	Sept. 03
		Breakfast		
Sushi Rice w/ Eggs	Pork Casserole, Rice	Chicken, Mushroom and	Fried Rice	Cinnamon Rolls
Juice	Fresh Fruits	Barley Soup, Pan de Sal	Sausage Patty	Fresh Fruits
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^{*} Breakfast: Served with a choice of 8 fl.oz. milk, skim or 2%, or 4 fl.oz. juice everyday. 1 Bowlpack of cold cereal & 8 fl.oz. of milk served as back-up meal if main breakfast chioce runs out.

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^{*} Lunch: Served with a choice of water or milk, skim or 2%, everyday.

Sixty-five years after the attack on Hiroshima the debate over the morality of President Harry S. Truman's decision to permit the use of atomic weapons has not abated in some quarters among those who examine the strategy of American military planners.

Historian Richard B. Frank, author of the book Downfall: The End of the Japanese Empire, (Penguin, 2001) explores the issue of how long Japan could have held out after suffering such devastating military and civilian loses before finally capitulating. Also examined by planners was the potential loss in life and treasure resulting from launching Operation Olympic," the American code name for the first phase of the invasion of Japan's home scheduled for Nov. 1, 1945, should such action become necessary.

Alternatives to the use of the bomb and the cost in lives on both sides were examined by U.S. military authorities and are very briefly summarized below.

As late as Aug. 9th upon the use of the second bomb on Nagasaki—which followed three years of almost unrelenting losses involving the disruption of Japan's shipping lifelines; the destruction of its merchant fleet; its Imperial Navy resting in the depths of Pacific ooze; more than 60 of her cities incinerated; much of her army abandon and rotting in Pacific and Asian jungles and the entrance of the Soviet Union in the war against Japan—it was against this backdrop by early August 1945 that the question remained as to just how much longer will the nation hold out?

U.S. Navy Fleet Admiral King had reached the fundamental conclusions that it would be disastrous for American forces to invade Japan. He reasoned that transporting an expeditionary invasion force and its logistical requirements across the Pacific could never equal the remaining manpower Japan could mobilize to defend the home islands. Thus,

the U.S. Navy favored a blockade and bombardment including the continuation of aerial bombing from bases in the Marianas.

The U.S. Army viewed it differently and adopted the position that only an invasion could bring the conflict to an acceptable conclusion and thus succeeded in securing approval of the plan for a ground invasion—first on the island of Kyushu followed by a second phase, "Operation Coronet" aimed at the Tokyo area.

that the nation would fight to the last man particularly if the home islands were invaded.

American radio intercepts of Japanese communications revealed the possibility of a potential ambush awaiting U.S. forces upon an invasion. As war historian Richard Frank pointed out, the estimate of likely American casualties in a collision between Japan's defensive operation known as Ketsu Go and the American's Olympic numbered from 456,000 to 514,00 and that was

Had it not been for the decision to use the atomic bombs, knowledgeable historians and others have speculated the Pacific War could have dragged on for another two to five more yearsperhaps longer. The overall cost would have easily exceed 5 million deaths in Japan by conservative estimates and equal or double that number among all the nations and peoples caught in the protracted agony.

According to Frank and others, the belief was "the surviving Japanese people East weeks before to officially inform MacArthur of the plan to bomb the targets chosen."

This observation on the part of Kelly and Ryan is interesting in view of excerpts (not taken out of context) regarding MacArthur's correspondence with the following:

■ To former President Herbert Hover, 8 October 1959: "...the main thesis, that Hiroshima and Nagasaki were unnecessary, is correct. The Japanese were beaten and seeking peace long before the bombs were dropped."

■ To General George Van Horn Moseley, 15 August 1960: "I was not consulted with reference to either of these bombings and was not even aware that they had taken place until after the event. I am convinced that Japan was on the verge of surrender and would have done so without this air action. In my opinion this was like many of the impulsive and rash decisions made by Mr. Truman when he was President."

■ To Professor Carl L. Shermer, Ohio University, 22 March 1961: "I was not consulted about the use of the atom bomb. Had I been I would have expressed the view that it was unnecessary—that Japan was already prepared to surrender."

■ Gen. George C. Kenney, *The Mac-*Arthur I Knew, Duell, Sloan & Pierce, 1951: "The General and I had known of the development of this new weapon for some time and had often speculated about its use in warfare. We had hoped it would not be used against the Japanese unless it was absolutely necessary.'

■ Roger Olaf Egeberg, The General, Hippocrene 1983: MacArthur is quoted as saying, "Those bombs that ended the war saved us about 500,000 casualties. I think the Japanese would have sacrificed at least a million."

Source: Archivist, MacArthur Memorial, Norfolk, Virginia.

The decision to use the atomic bomb to shorten the war

MILITARY HISTORICAL CARTOGRAPHER

History pointed to doubts about any thought of Japanese surrender since no Japanese government had capitulated in 2,600 years and more recently no Japanese detachment had surrendered during the entire course of the Pacific War. The question became as to how costly would an invasion of Japan become?

One fear among American military planners was that while the Japanese government might surrender—the armed forces might not-with the result that if there was no organized and total capitulation, the country's intact military forces still under arms in the home islands might fight on.

It had been anticipated that an invasion of the Japanese home islands, if it were to occur, would result in the loss of one million American lives. United States war strategy in the western Pacific was developed around the premise that Japan would never surrender and

only on Kyushu! Add to this the loss of sailors at sea likely to die in suicide plane attacks and the total casualties become staggering.

By late summer 1945 Japan's civilian population tottered on starvation. Equally alarming to U.S. planners was Soviet (Communist) intervention. If permitted to succeed, the Red Army was scheduled to invade Japan proper in August.

It has been speculated by authorities who have examined the evidence that had the bombs not convinced the Japanese government to surrender millions would have perished in Japan from starvation or disease due to the famine of the 1945 - 46 Rice Year. All Allied prisoners of war and civilian internees in Japan would have perished as would millions of others, including those still under arms outside the home islands awaiting annihilation either by battle, disease or starvation.

would have languished in poverty and bitterness for decades. Thus, some justify the use of the atomic bomb, "for all its horror, was the 'least abhorrent choice.""

History is still judging the decision. As for Gen. Douglas MacArthur's

views on the A-bomb, two foreign correspondents, Frank Kelly of the New York Times and Cornelius Ryan of Newsweek in their interview discussing the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki stated that the General had suggested to the combined chiefs of staff that the atomic bomb be dropped on Japan's Inland Sea, thus creating a huge tidal wave which would have inundated a large area. MacArthur suggested the bomb not be dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki because they were the centers of Christianity in Japan.

Co-authors of the Doubleday book MacArthur: Man of Action, Kelly and Ryan said, "They understood General Carl Spaatz had flown out to the Far

Psycholosical Marfare

On 7 August the Cincpac Advance Psychological Warfare Section was asked to institute a psychological warfare campaign with the Atomic Bomb as its focal point. The plan was drawn up to drop 3,600,000 leaflets daily for nine days on Japanese cities having a population of more than 100,000 persons.

A recording of the leaflet text in Japanese was made by a prisoner of war and broadcast on Office of War Information radio station to Japan

starting at 1830 on 8 August. These broadcasts continued half hourly until the evening of 10 August. The first delivery of leaflet bombs was to be made on 9 August. The plan called for daily delivery for 9 days of 75 M-16 bomb cases, each containing 32,000 leaflets.

On the night of 10 August the Japanese government first expressed its willingness to discuss peace negotiations and the Atomic Bomb leaflet program was discontinued.

TOP SECRET

A copy of the leaflets dropped on quiry as to what happened to Hiro-Japanese cities in conjunction with shima when just one atomic bomb the Atomic Bomb together with the fell on that city. English translation follows.

TO JAPANESE PEOPLE:

"America asks that you take immediate heed of what we say on this leaflet.

"We are in possession of the most destructive explosive ever devised by man. A single one of our newly developed atomic bombs is actually the equivalent in explosive power to what 2,000 of our giant B-29's can carry on a single mission. This awful fact is one for you to ponder and we solemnly assure you it is grimly accurate.

"We have just begun to use this weapon against your homeland. If you still have any doubt, make in-

Before using this bomb to destroy every resource of the military by which they are prolonging this useless war, we ask that you now petition the Emperor to end the war. Our President has outlined for you the 13 consequences of an honorable surrender: We urge that you accept these consequences and begin the work of building a new, better, and peace loving Japan.

"You should take steps now to cease military resistance. Otherwise, we shall resolutely employ this bomb and all our other superior weapons to promptly and forcefully end the war."

EVACUATE YOUR CITIES

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later could doubtless have been rescued had they received proper treatment and care, but rescue work in a catastrophe of this magnitude had not been envisioned; since the whole city had been knocked out at a blow, everything which had been prepared for emergency work was lost and no preparation had been made for rescue work in the outlying districts. Many of the wounded also died because they had been weakened by undernourishment and consequently lacked in strength to recover. Those who had their normal strength and who received good care slowly healed the burns which had been occasioned by the bomb. There were also cases, however, whose prognosis seemed good but who died suddenly. There were also some who had only small external wounds who died within a week or later, after an inflammation of the pharynx and oral cavity had taken place. We thought at first that this was the result of inhalation of the substance of the bomb. Later, a commission established the thesis that gamma rays had been given out at the time of the explosion, following which the internal organs had been injured in a manner resembling that consequent upon Roentgen irradiation. This produces a diminution in the number of white corpuscles.

Only several cases are known to me personally where individuals who did not have external burns later died. Father Kleinsorge and Father Gieslik, who were near the center of the explosion, but did not suffer burns became quite weak some 14 days after the explosion. Up to this time small incised wounds

had healed normally, but thereafter the wounds which were still unhealed became worse and are to date (in September) still incompletely healed.

The attending physician demonstrated a leucopenia. There thus seems to be some truth in the statement that the radiation had some effect on the blood. I am of the opinion, however, that their generally undernourished and weakened condition was partially responsible for these findings. It was also noised about that the ruins of the city emitted deadly rays and that many workers who went there to aid in the clearing died, and that the central district would be uninhabitable for some time to come. I have my doubts as to whether such talk is true and myself and others who worked in the ruined area for some hours shortly after the explosion suffered no such ill effects. None of us in those days heard a single outburst against the Americans on the part of the Japanese, nor was there any evidence of a vengeful spirit. The Japanese suffered this terrible blow as a part of the fortunes of war—something to be borne without complaint. During this war, I have noted relatively little hatred toward the Allies on the part of the people themselves, although the press has taken occasion to stir up such feelings.

After the victories at the beginning of the war, the enemy was rather looked down upon, but when the Allied offensive gathered momentum and especially after the advent of the majestic B-29's, the technical skill of America became an object of wonder and admiration. The following anecdote indicates the spirit of the Japanese: A few days after the atomic bombing, the secretary of the University came to us asserting that the Japanese were ready to

destroy San Francisco by means of an equally effective bomb. It is dubious that he himself believed what he told us. He merely wanted to impress upon us foreigners that the Japanese were capable of similar discoveries. In his nationalistic pride, he talked himself into believing this. The Japanese also intimated that the principle of the new bomb was a Japanese discovery. It was only lack of raw material, they said, which prevented its construction. In the meantime, the Germans were said to have carried the discovery to a further stage and were about to initiate such bombings. The Americans were reputed to have learned the secret from the Germans, and they had then brought the bomb to a stage of industrial completion."

Medical Editor's note: At this point the authors of the de-classified medical report stated the following: "We have discussed among ourselves the ethics of the use of the bomb. Some consider it in the same category as poison gas and were against its use on a civilian population. Others were of the view that in total war, as carried on in Japan, there was no difference between civilians and soldiers, and that the bomb itself was an effective force tending to end the bloodshed, warning Japan to surrender and thus to avoid total destruction. It seems logical to me that he who supports total war in principle cannot complain of a war against civilians. The crux of the matter is whether total war in its present form is justifiable, even when it serves a just purpose. Does it not have material and spiritual evil as its consequences which far exceed whatever good that might result? When will our moralist give us a clear answer to this question?"

'Pension obligation bond will fully fund retirement program'

By MONETH G. DEPOSA moneth deposa@saipantribune.com REPORTER

The NMI Retirement Fund's board of trustees downplayed yesterday the belief that the pension obligation bond, once ratified by the voters, will increase employee and employer's contribution rates. Rather, they said, the proposed floata-

At present, the retirement program is only 42 percent funded, with the Fund's investment portfolio amounting to just

Papago motel a bloody mess Man attacks ex-girlfriend's current boyfriend

A love triangle turned violent when a man allegedly forcibly broke into a motel room in Papago and attacked the boyfriend of his former girlfriend Friday midnight.

Frank T. Pangelinan, 34, was arrested for assault and battery, criminal mischief, criminal trespass, and disturbing the peace. Bail was set at \$10,000 cash. He was injured due to shattered glass, police said.

The alleged victim also sustained swelling, bruising, and laceration, including a scratch on the face.

Detective Simon T. Manacop stated in his report that police had responded to a report of a disturbance at the Phoenix Motel in Papago.

When police officers arrived, they saw blood splattered all over the hotel room's floor and

tion of over \$200 million to pay for the government's obligation to the Fund would realistically make the NMI retirement program fully funded.

within the premises. The woman told police that she and her current boyfriend were inside one of the motel's rooms

boyfriend, banged on the door. Pangelinan then went to the back of the room and banged on the sliding glass door, threatening to kill her boyfriend.

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The woman called police, but Pangelinan managed to shatter the sliding door with a concrete brick.

Pangelinan then allegedly beat up her boyfriend, who was in the bathroom. The victim managed to run outside, but Pangelinan chased him.

Responding police officers arrived and arrested Pangelinan.

The woman said she broke off with Pangelinan two months ago. (Ferdie de la Torre)

over \$300 million compared to the estimated \$700 million needed to pay for the benefits of all members.

If the government is allowed to float the \$200 million bond to pay for its unpaid employer contributions, the Fund's total portfolio will be boosted to over \$500 million, raising the retirement program's funding level to 72 percent, said board chair Sixto Igisomar.

"If we are at 72 percent funded in our retirement program, that's a pretty strong area because we are considered fully-funded by that level," Igisomar said.

As of May 31 this year, the Fund recorded an accrued unfunded liability of \$545.5 million—the shortfall in the total amount it needs to pay for all members' benefits if the program is terminated today.

Igisomar said once the program is fully funded, "employee and employer's contributions will not be the same, which means the actuarial rate will go down."

The government is now mandated to pay its employer contribution at a 30 percent rate to satisfy a court judgment that had determined that the central government owes the Fund over \$231 million in unpaid employer contributions. This figure is growing.

The board vowed yesterday to collaborate with the Fitial administration and the Commonwealth Retirees Association to effectively educate the public on the importance of the legislative initiative that they will vote for in November election.

House Legislative Initiative

17-1 wants to add a new Section 10 to Article X of the CNMI Constitution to authorize the Commonwealth to issue a pension obligation bond to pay its debt to the Fund.

CRA chair Juan M. Sablan, during the public comment's section of the meeting, asked the board to appear before its members so they could educate retirees on how the pension obligation bond will work for the Fund.

Donna Cruz, a retiree and member of the CRA, disclosed yesterday that retirees are split in their opinion about the pension obligation bond.

"I'm personally against it... and some members are expressing the same. So I suggest that a formal position on the POB be made [by CRA] after

the general assembly in September so we could have better a thought from the member retirees," said Cruz.

Igisomar, for his part, said: "We support it because it's favorable to the Fund. It's an amount to be paid to us, for the benefit of our retirees. By getting that bond, that would bring our pension program to a better position."

Igisomar also reminded trustees and retirees that there are other options to address the Fund's unfunded liability, as laid out in its five-point plan. The challenge now, he said, is to convince voters to approving the pension obligation bond.

"This is not something like we will borrow from Peter to pay Paul," said Igisomar, adding that the government will identify options and resources on how it will pay for the bond but this will not increase the contribution rates—as many expect.

Bank of Guam's Matt Cruz earns national certification

HAGATNA, GUAM- Bank of Guam's Matthew Camacho Cruz was recently awarded the Certified Financial Marketing Professional designation by the Institute of Certified Bankers, a subsidiary of the

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American Bankers Association, in Washington, D.C. The certification follows

completion of the American Bankers Association School of Bank Marketing and Management in May 2010. Matt Cruz is currently vice

president/palau branch manager, and was previously the vice president/business development manager in the Marketing Department. He joined the Bank of Guam in 2005 as an assistant vice president/marketing officer.

Cruz is a graduate of Eastern Washington University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration/Marketing. Before he left Guam, Cruz was chairman of the board for the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities, a member of the Rotary Club of Tumon Bay, The Chamorro Artists Asso-



ciation, and a 4th Degree Knight with the Santa Teresita Parish Knight of Columbus. Cruz was also the Bank of Guam's 2008 Employee of the Year.

Cruz has recently become a member of the Rotary Club of Palau and the Palau Chamber of Commerce, and is the president of the Palau Bankers Association.

The CFMP designation is awarded to individuals who demonstrate excellence in the field of financial services marketing. To qualify for the CFMP certification, individuals must have certain levels of experience and education in the financial marketing profession, pass an exam, and agree to abide by a code of ethics. The CFMP exam covers many areas including financial principles, laws and regulations, market research, characteristics of marketing plans, and marketing components.

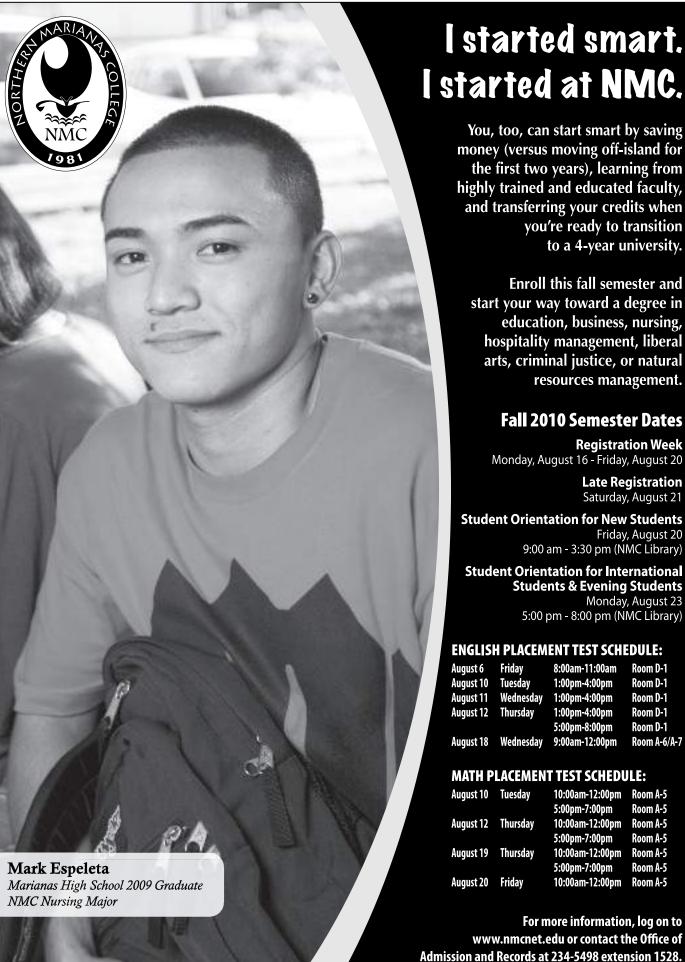
The ICB certifications formally recognize those who meet these standards and promote professional continuing education and development. (BoG)



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday greetings go out to Cheng Saturno, who is celebrating her birthday today, Aug. 6. "Don't count the years, count the blessings. Have a wonderful birthday!" Greetings come from Alvin, Anna, Avelyne, Marco, Joshua, and Anniea.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Public forum today on next NMC president

The Northern Marianas College Presidential Search Committee is inviting the public to participate in a public forum about the next NMC president today, Aug. 6, 2010, at 10am at the NMC Board of Regents conference room in Building P.

All interested community members are highly encouraged to participate and share their thoughts on the type of characteristics, experiences and skills that the next NMC President should possess.

The feedback received from the public forum will be used as a guideline when formulating the questions for the prospective presidential candidates.

For more information about NMC's search for a new president, visit www.nmcnet.edu. (NMC)

Town hall meeting today for registered, non-registered artists

The Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture and the CCAC board members is inviting all registered and nonregistered artist to a town hall meeting today, Aug. 6, 2010, at the San Antonio Youth Learning Center at 5:30pm. The council will inform CNMI artists of its upcoming events as well as to give the artists the opportunity to voice their opinion and offer their perspective on what to do to improve programs for artists in the CNMI.

For more information, contact the Arts Council at (670) 322-9982/83. (PR)

Three beaches redflagged

The Division of Environment Quality has raised the red flag on the DPW Channel Bridge, American Memorial Park, and Garapan Fishing Dock and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human

and animal waste in the water. However, studies have shown that storm water runoff in tropical environment may also contain these bacteria, which may not be directly associated with public health concerns.

DEQ) analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Wednesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

Eco-tourism and other options

A talk on "Eco-tourism: Good for the CNMI?" will be presented by Stacey A. Tighe on Wednesday, Aug. 11, at 6pm at the American Memorial Park auditorium (place not yet confirmed). She will discuss costs and benefits of

alternative options, and their compatibility, feasibility in the CNMI. Tighe holds degrees in marine policy, biology and geology, and currently serves as Senior Regional Coordinator and Program Integrator for U.S. support to the six countries of the Coral Triangle Initiative (Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, Timor Leste, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands). (PR)

PAWS meeting next week

There will be a PAWS meeting on Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010, at 5:30pm at the Shenanigans in Garapan. The group will discuss what's happened since the last meeting as well as proposed future events. Members will also say goodbye to president Katie Busenkell.

Note: Shenanigans asks that we please not park next to the front of the restaurant, leaving those spaces for their regular customers. (PR)

Green Meadow School sets open house

Green Meadow School is inviting the public to its open house today, Aug. 6, 2010, from 5pm to 7pm. The open house is a special opportunity for the families of students who will be attending School Year 2010-2011 at GMS to ask school management and teachers some questions, and to tour the whole school. Enrollment is still ongoing for kindergarten classes (K3 -K5) and for elementary, 1st to 6th Grade. The school also provides after-school care for a very reasonable service fee. For inquiry, visit the GMS Campus, Chalan Kiya (just back of Saipan Health Clinic), call 235-2185, fax 234-0898, or e-mail gms.saipan@ yahoo.com. (PR)

CCA sets Second Saturday Strides

The Commonwealth Cancer Association will be holding its first Second Saturday Strides run/walk on Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010. Registration will be at 5:30am and it will start at 6am. Go from Minatchom At-Road (the tank) and return.

Donation/registration fee is \$5. All proceeds go to support the Commonwealth Cancer Association. More details will follow next week. Be sure to save the date. (PR)

Refundable tax credits

The Division of Revenue and Taxation has been receiving inquiries on the stimulus refund under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The Making Work Pay Credit and the American Opportunity Tax Credit (education credits) under ARRA are refundable tax credits available to eligible taxpayer for the tax year 2009 and 2010.

Most earners are eligible to take this credit. To claim these credits, you must complete Schedule M (Making Work Pay and Government Retiree Credits) for MWPC or Form 8863 (American Opportunity, Hope, and Lifetime Learning Credits) for the Education credits and enter your computed credit on the tax return.

The division will be holding MWPC assistance on Aug. 9-13 from 8am to 11am and 1pm to 4pm each day. MWPC and education credits assistance will be held in room 29, 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan. If you are in doubt whether you are eligible to claim the credit or whether you didn't claim the credit, you should visit Division of Revenue and Taxation.

For more information on these tax credits, access DOF's website at www.cnmidof.net or contact Division of Revenue and Taxation at 664-1000. **(PR)**

Paseo de Marianas cleanup on Saturday

PDM Promoters, Inc. volunteers and some Koblerville children of the Saipan Awaodori Team will hold their monthly cleanup at the Garapan district (Paseo de Marianas) this Saturday, Aug. 7, 2010. The cleanup usually starts at 8am or shortly thereafter. Thank you PDM Promoters, Inc. and Saipan Awaodori Team for leading this effort.

National Park Service will waive fees on Aug. 14, 15

WASHINGTON—The National Park Service will waive entrance fees on Aug. 14 and 15 to encourage all Americans to visit national parks.

"This fee-free weekend provides an opportunity for individuals and families alike to take an affordable vacation or to explore a nearby park they have never visited before," said Interior Secretary Ken Salazar. "I encourage everyone to take advantage of the free admission to visit not only our greatest natural wonders dao Pavilion to Quartermaster but also our nation's historic and cultural icons."

> There are 391 national parks located across the country in 49 states, many of which will hold free events on Aug. 14 and 15. A complete list by park or state is available at www. nps.gov.

The entrance fees being waived at the 146 sites usually charge for admission range from \$3 to \$25. There are 246 other parks that do not have entrance fees so you can plan a free visit year-round. The fee free waiver does not include other fees collected in advance or by contractors—such as fees charged for camping, reservations, tours and use of concessions. (DOI)



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Business

Looking for the oil? NOAA says it's mostly gone

WASHINGTON (AP)—With a startling report that some researchers call more spin than science, the government said Wednesday that the mess made by the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is mostly gone already.

Out of sight, though, doesn't mean out of danger, nor is the Gulf now clean. The harmful effects of the summer of the spill can continue on for years even with oil at the microscopic level, a top federal scientist warned.

U.S. officials announced that nearly 70 percent of the spilled oil

dissolved naturally, or was burned, skimmed, dispersed or captured, with almost nothing left to see—at least on top of the water. That declaration came on the same day they trumpeted success in plugging up the leaking well with drilling mud.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Geological Survey announced in the five-page report that only 52.7 million gallons of oil are left in the Gulf. That is about 31 percent of the 172 million gallons that spewed into the water from

What's left in the water is still almost five times the amount spilled by the Exxon Valdez in 1989.

Nevertheless. Wednesday was a day of cautious celebration by a White House that has had little to cheer about from the oil spill.

"I think it is fairly safe to say ... that many of the doomsday scenarios that we talked about and repeated a lot have not and will not come to fruition," White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said at a briefing with NOAA's top scientist.

Much of the reasoning behind the disappearing oil has to do with the natural resilience of the Gulf, which is teeming with microbes that eat oil. On top of that is the natural tendency of oil in seawater to evaporate and dissolve to half its volume in about a week-something even critics acknowledge.

The federal calculations are based on direct measurements for only 18 million gallons of the oil spilled—the stuff burned and skimmed. The other num-

bers are "educated scientific guesses," said NOAA emergency response senior scientist Bill Lehr, an author of the report. That is because it is impossible to measure oil that is dispersed, he said.

That's what worries some outside scientists.

"This is a shaky report. The more I read it, the less satisfied I am with the thoroughness of the presentation," Florida State University oceanography professor Ian MacDonald told The Associated Press. "There are sweeping assumptions here."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Toyota posts \$2.2B profit as car sales recover

TOKYO (AP)—Toyota reported a quarterly profit of \$2.2 billion, reversing from red ink a year earlier as the world's top automaker benefited from a global sales recovery that offset lingering doubts about the safety of its cars. The company, which makes the Camry sedan and Prius hybrid, raised its full year earnings forecast Wednesday, and said it now expects to sell 7.38 million vehicles worldwide for the year through March 2011, up from 7.24 million the previous year. Previously it forecast sales of 7.29 million vehicles. The numbers show that Toyota Motor Corp. is on a recovery track from the sales battering it took from the global financial crisis two years ago and the blows to its image from massive recalls that began last October.

Crush of mud finally plugs BP's well in the Gulf

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—In the end, it was a crush of mud that finally

plugged the blown-out well in the Gulf of Mexico, three months after the offshore drilling rig explosion that unleashed a gusher of oil and a summer of misery along the Gulf Coast. The government stopped just short of pronouncing the well dead, cautioning that cement and mud must still be pumped in from the bottom to seal it off for good. President Barack Obama declared that the battle to contain one of the world's worst oil spills is "finally close to coming to an end." Yet after months of living

with lost income, fouled shorelines and dying wildlife, some Gulf Coast residents weren't so sure.

Geithner: Extending tax cuts for wealthy a mistake

WASHINGTON (AP)—Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said Wednesday that extending the Bushera tax cuts for the wealthy would be a \$700 billion mistake. He also rejected a compromise proposal that would extend the cuts for one or two years. Geithner said cuts for families making

more than \$250,000 annually should be allowed to expire on schedule at the end of the year. But the administration believes tax cuts for the 95 percent of taxpayers making less than \$250,000 should be extended, he said. Geithner's comments came during a speech at the Center for American Progress and focused on what is likely to be a key economic battle leading up to the November midterm elections. Unless Congress acts, all of the tax cuts approved in 2001 and 2003 will expire at the end of December.



SUBMISSION DATE: AUGUST 25, 2010 • TIME: 2:00 P.M. "MEDICAL REFERRAL TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR THE **COMMONWEALTH HEALTH CENTER - MEDICAL REFERRAL SERVICES"**

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A PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON <u>AUGUST 11. 2010 AT 9:00 A.M.</u> AT THE COMMON-WEALTH HEALTH CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM. **ALL QUESTIONS OR INQUIRIES** FOR CLARIFICATION IS DUE ON <u>AUGUST 16. 2010. CLOSE OF BUSINESS</u> AND SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MR. RONALD D. SABLAN, MANAGER, MEDICAL REFERRAL SERVICES AT TEL. (670) 236-8294, BY FAX TO (670) 236-8604 OR VIA E-MAIL AT <u>medrefspn@gmail.com</u>

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/s/ JOSEPH K.P. VILLAGOMEZ SECRETARY OF HEALTH



PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY **CNMI GOVERNMENT**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP10-CHC-136

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/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN



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PROJECT BRABU SPF SIG Advisory Council

Jerome Ierome, Chairman

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Community Guidance Center (CGC) Prevention Unit, Specifically for Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) Project BRABU, is hereby giving notice that the Project BRABU Advisory Council is scheduled to meet on Thursday, August 12, 2010, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Lilac Room, World Resort Hotel,

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER I.

II. ROLL CALL

III.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Welcome and Introduction

b. Orientation for Council Members

c. Overview of the SPF SIG - Project BRABU

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT VIII.

All interested individuals are welcome to attend. Should you need further information, please contact the Community Guidance Center, Prevention Unit -Project BRABU Office at 323-6571-72.

Chairperson

/s/ Ms. Josephine Sablan Project Director, CGC

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REQUEST for PROPOSALS MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST RFP 10-02

INVESTMENT in a LOCAL HIGH YIELD LOAN PROGRAM

This is a request for any and all investment proposals from interested parties or firms seeking capital sources or funding for projects or ventures within the CNMI.

MPLT Board of Trustees has recently updated its Asset Allocation and determined that a percentage (5%) of its total investment portfolio (\$3.36 million) shall be devoted to a local investment program. This local investment program will be designated as high yield investments since the associated risks are much higher than those of publicly traded investment grade securities. The reasons for this are as

- Challenges to obtaining sufficient capital for projects or ventures.
- Associated promissory notes cannot be traded or sold thus have no liquidity.
- Associated promissory notes are not rated and considered less than investment grade.
- Often the local private or public sector proposer's ability to repay the loan is challenged.
- Credit rating for such borrowers is often low.
- Ability to raise capital or obtain credit is limited.
- Maximum exposure for each investment cannot be controlled. ■ Sufficient collateral beyond those acquired with loan proceed is limited.
- As a high yield investment, MPLT may limit the duration for each investment to not more than five years. This is not a low-income or low interest rate program. Interest rates will be determined based upon risk and duration. Due to the higher risks

associated with this type of investment, a risk premium will be added to the base Proposal information and guidelines under this program can be obtained at the MPLT office as shown below

Five (5) copies plus one original of the sealed proposals must be submitted to the MPLT Office, 1313 Anatahan Drive, Capital Hill Saipan, MP 96950 no later than 2:00 PM, on August 25, 2010. Proposals must be sealed and marked "Local High Yield Loan Program, RFP 10-02". Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The MPLT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so shall be in its best interests. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the MPLT.

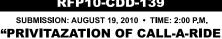
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/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN Director, P&S



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/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN Director, P&S

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Nation

Federal judge strikes down Calif. gay marriage ban

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—

A federal judge overturned California's gay marriage ban Wednesday with an unequivocal ruling that could eventually force the U.S. Supreme Court to confront the question of whether same-sex couples have a constitutional right to wed.

Chief U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker's strongly worded opinion in the landmark case—the first in a federal court to examine if states can lawfully limit marriage to a man and a woman-touched off a celebration outside the courthouse. Later in the day, a jubilant crowd marched through the city that has long been a haven for gays.

As word of the verdict spread, about 300 people assembled in a West Hollywood park waving rainbow gay pride flags. In New York City, a crowd of about 150 gathered outside a lower Manhattan courthouse. They carried signs saying "Our Love Wins" as organizers read portions of the 136-page decision aloud.

Ruling in a lawsuit filed by two couples who claimed the ban violated their civil rights, Walker methodically dismantled every argument advanced by sponsors of the voter-approved measure, known as Proposition 8, before declaring it unconstitutional.

"Proposition 8 singles out "Today, they did."

gays and lesbians and legitimates their unequal treatment," he wrote. "Proposition 8 perpetuates the stereotype that gays and lesbians are incapable of forming long-term loving relationships and that gays and lesbians are not good parents."

Standing in front of eight American flags at a news conference, the two couples behind the case beamed and choked up as they related their feelings of validation.

"Our courts are supposed to protect our constitutional rights," lead plaintiff Kris Perry said as Sandy Stier, her partner of 10 years, stood at her side.

"We are not here to change the world. Equality is something our country has always been about," said co-plaintiff Jeff Zarrillo, who is seeking the right to marry his partner of nine years, Paul Katami. "Today's decision brings Paul and I and so many others like us closer to that equality, too."

Voters passed Proposition 8 as a state constitutional amendment in November 2008, five months after the California Supreme Court legalized same-sex unions and an estimated 18,000 same-sex couples already had tied the knot. Despite Wednesday's ruling, it remains uncertain when gay weddings will be allowed to resume in the state.

ACROSS THE NATION

Girlfriend: Conn. gunman 'dazed' before rampage

ENFIELD, Conn. (AP)— As Omar Thornton prepared to head off to work at a beer distributorship Tuesday morning, his girlfriend sensed something was wrong. "He just kept having this dazed, confused look on his face, and I never saw him like that before," Kristi Hannah, his girlfriend of eight years, told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "I could tell something was bothering him. I asked him what was wrong a bunch of times and he said nothing was wrong with him.

... That's why he gave me a long hug and kiss before he left." Thornton, 34, said he would call his girlfriend in a little while. When he got to Hartford Distributors Inc., a family-owned business in the ethnically diverse Hartford suburb of Manchester, Thornton was confronted with videotaped evidence that he had been stealing beer. Company officials then forced him to resign. He responded by going on a rampage, killing eight coworkers, wounding two others and then killing himself.

Group sues to stop mosque near NY's ground zero

NEW YORK (AP)—The debate over a planned Islamic community center and mosque near ground zero became a court fight Wednesday, as a conservative advocacy group sued to try to stop a project that has become a fulcrum for balancing religious freedom and the lega-

cy of the Sept. 11 attacks. The American Center for Law and Justice, founded by the Rev. Pat Robertson, filed suit Wednesday to challenge a city panel's decision to let developers tear down a building to make way for the mosque two blocks from ground zero. The city Landmarks Preservation Commission moved too fast in making a decision, underappreciated the building's historic value and "allowed the intended use of the building and political considerations to taint the deliberative process," lawyer Brett Joshpe wrote in papers filed in a Manhattan state court. The Washington, D.C.-based group represents a firefighter who responded to and survived the terrorist attack at the World Trade Center.

7 puppies die after American **Airlines flight**

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)— Seven puppies died after flying in the cargo hold of an American Airlines jet. American said it contacted the shipper who put the puppies on a Tuesday morning flight from Tulsa, Okla., to Chicago, and is investigating further. Airline spokeswoman Mary Frances Fagan said Wednesday the shipper put 14 puppies aboard Flight 851, which was scheduled to leave Tulsa at 6:30 a.m. but was delayed an hour by storms in Chicago. American said on its website it won't carry warm-blooded animals if the actual or forecast temperature is above 85 degrees. As the plane sat on the tarmac in Tulsa, it was already 86 degrees before 7 a.m., according to the National Weather Service.



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Parent Orientation* August 09

> 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. **High School Building**

August 10 **Parent Orientation***

> 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. **High School Building**

*Parents need to attend only one orientation session

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> 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)

7:30 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. (Wednesday)

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NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION



NOTICE OF AUCTION

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, hereinafter referred to as NMHC, as auctioneer and seller hereby gives notice that all of the rights, title, and interests of the following described real property situated in Garapan, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Lot No. 003 D 02 (Formerly Block 1 Lot 2), as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat Number 003 D 00 dated February 19, 1971, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry on the 1st day of March, 1971, as Document No. 689, and containing an area of 1,022 square meters, more or less, together with the improvements and fixtures located thereon and therein and the appurtenances and all the rights, title, and interest of, in, and to the land lying in all streets, highways, and rights of ways abutting on or appurtenant to said premises.

Minimum Bid: The minimum bid for the property mentioned above in this notice shall be \$90,000.00 The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at NMHC's conference room, Garapai

- Reserve: The auction sale shall be held with reserve.

 Rights and Duties of Auctioneer: Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, auctioneer and seller shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

 a. To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.

 b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
- incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and To reject any and all bids.
- c. To reject any and all bids.

 3. Bids: Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Mr. Joshua T. Sasamoto, Corporate Director, NMHC, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950; Picephone: 234-6866; Facsimile: 234-9021; or to Mr. Vicente T. Salas, Esq., P.O. Box 501309, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-7455; Facsimile: 234-7256
- Telephone: 234-7455; Facsimile: 234-7256.

 4. Deposit: Payment: A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title, and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC.

 5. Change of Terms: Auctioneer and NMHC reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
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 Inspection and No Warranty: Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact NMHC for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO, Corporate Director

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Asia



ASIAN BRIEFS

SKorea begins naval drills despite NKorean warning

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea began naval drills off its west coast Thursday to strengthen its ability to counter any North Korean provocation despite Pyongyang's latest threat to retaliate over the war games. The drills, which follow joint military exercises with the U.S. last month off the east coast, are set to run through Monday and will include exercises in areas near the disputed western sea border with North Korea. They involve about 4,500 South Korean troops, more than 20 ships and submarines, and about 50 aircraft, according to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Both sets of maneuvers came in response to the deadly March sinking of a South Korean warship blamed on North Korea. Forty-six South Korean sailors were killed. The U.S. and South Korea said the drills were to warn the North that further provocations will not be tolerated.

Report: US to sell Taiwan decommissioned warships

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—A Taiwanese news-

paper reported Thursday that the U.S. will sell the democratic island two warships, a move that would almost certainly anger China and further undermine Beijing's already tense relations with Washington. The report, in the mass circulation Apple Daily, quotes an unnamed Taiwanese senior officer as saying that the U.S. Navy will sell Taiwan two Perry class frigates, about to be decommissioned, for \$20 million each. The ships' sale will be formally approved by the State Department in late 2010 or early 2011, the paper quoted the officer as saying. Taiwan's defense ministry and the de facto U.S. Embassy in Taipei declined to comment on the report.

China defends dealings with Iran after US pressure

BEIJING (AP)—China is defending its business relationships with Iran after recent pressure from the United States to fully follow new sanctions against Tehran over its nuclear program. "China's trade with Iran is normal business exchange, which will not harm the interests of other countries and the international community," Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu said in comments published Thursday in the China Daily newspaper. "As a permanent member of the U.N. Security Council, China has always observed the council's resolutions," Jiang said. The comments come after the U.S. State Department's special adviser for nonproliferation and arms control, Robert Einhorn, this week said China should fully support the newest U.N. sanctions on Iran.

NATO's Afghan war commander stresses troop defense

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The commander of NATO and U.S. forces in Afghanistan issued updated rules of battle Wednesday, repeating his predecessor's curbs on use of air power and heavy weapons when civilians are at risk but stressing the right of troops to defend themselves. Also Wednesday, New Zealand announced it suffered its first combat death of the war during an ambush a day earlier in one of Afghanistan's most peaceful provinces. The Taliban claimed responsibility, raising concern that

the insurgency is spreading beyond its strongholds even as U.S. and NATO forces are ramping up the war against the insurgents in the south.

Tens of thousands protest Indian rule in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India (AP)—Tens of thousands of Kashmiri Muslims marched Wednesday to a town where seven people were killed over the weekend, defying a curfew in another day of massive protests against Indian rule in the Himalayan region. Long lines of people carrying green and black protest flags thronged a big prayer ground in Khrew, a town south of Indian-controlled Kashmir's main city Srinagar, even as India's Home Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram appealed for an end to the violence. The government was ready for a dialogue with Kashmiri people, Chidambaram said in a statement in India's Parliament. The federal government has sent reinforcements to help the beleaguered state administration tackle the increasingly violent crowds who have clashed with paramilitary soldiers. At least 46 people have died over the past seven weeks.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NMHC RFP 2010-009

ARCHAEOLOGICAL-CONSULTANT SERVICES

This Ad is paid for by NMHC with HUD funds.

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) through its Chairwoman of the Board, is soliciting the professional services of a qualified archaeological-consultant who meets Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Archaeology pursuant to 36CFR61 for the Carolinian Cultural Center in Saipan, for the benefit of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Interested proposers may pick up a copy of the Scope of Work on Monday, August 9, 2010 at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays.

Procurement of these services is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, Section 3-103. Proposals for the project will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

A. Requirements

- Qualifications and experience of the proposer (35%); Knowledge of federal and local laws pertaining to the excavation and/or findings of human remains, artifacts and archaeological survey documentation as required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act as well as compliance to the CNMI's Historic Resources Preservation Program (35%); Experience with local CNMI and regional areas with respect to archaeological issues and findings (15%); Existing and/or prior client base, type of archaeological services and copy of final report related to such

B. Cost/Contingent Fee

Price is also a factor that will be considered and will be evaluated in comparison with overall merit of proposals. Technical merit is more important than price, and the Government reserves the right to award to other than the lowest priced proposer. As proposals become more equal in technical merit, the importance of price will increase.

On Friday, August 13, 2010, NMHC and HPO will conduct a pre-proposal conference at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the project requirements. All interested proposers are encouraged to attend the Pre-Proposal Conference. Site visits will be arranged by NMHC and HPO staff after the pre-proposal conference to anyone who desires an on-site visit to the project site.

Interested proposers must submit an original and four (4) copies of signed, sealed proposals marked "NMHC RFP2010 - 009 ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONSULTANT SERVICES" to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, not later than August 23, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. Any proposals received after the above date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances, unless submitted by a proposer outside the Commonwealth and postmarked by August 23, 2010, AND received not later than September 3, 2010. In order to receive this additional time, proposers outside the Commonwealth must notify the Director, Procurement and Supply in writing not later than 10:00 a.m., August 23, 2010 of their intention to submit a proposal. Notice can be by e-mail to procurement@pticom.com or by fax to (670) 664-1515.

Discussions may be conducted with the responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to insure full understanding of, and responsiveness to, solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals and such revisions may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offer. In conducting discussions, there shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract. The firm selected will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the Procurement Regulation Section 3-301 and must possess a valid CNMI Business License in order to sign a contract.

Award shall be made to the responsible offerors whose proposals are determined in writing to be most advantageous to the government taking into consideration price and the evaluation factors set forth in this request for proposal. No other factors or criteria shall be used in the evaluation. Proposals shall be subject to rejection for conflicts of interests.

All proposals submitted shall become the sole property of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any defects in said proposals, to negotiate with all qualified offerers, or to cancel this RFP if it is in the best interest of NMHC and the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

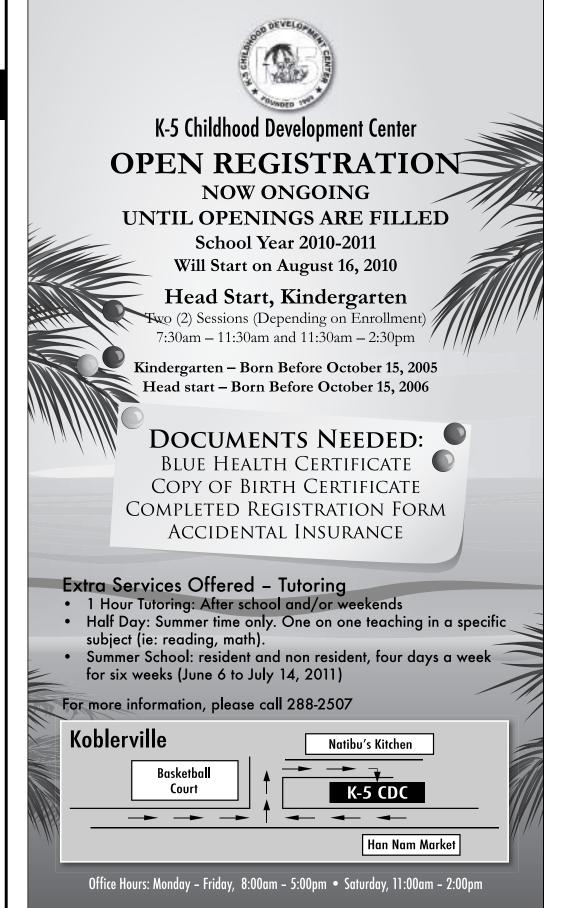
NMHC hereby notifies all proposers that it will affirmatively ensure that, in any contacts entered into pursuant to this advertisement, small, minority businesses and women's business enterprises will be afforded equal opportunity to submit proposals and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, religion, sex, disabilities

/S/ MARCIE M. TOMOKANE

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN



Director, Procurement and Supply



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World

WORLD BRIEFS

Russian wildfires death toll reaches 50

MOSCOW (AP)—Russian officials say they have recovered a body from a provincial village gutted by wildfires, while another victim has died in the hospital, taking the death toll from hundreds of blazes nationwide to at least 50. The Emergencies Ministry said in a statement Thursday that almost 600 separate fires were still raging, mostly in Russia's European territory, to the west. A thick smog that had blanketed Moscow partially lifted early Thursday but could return, officials warned. Russia is suffering through its worst heat wave on record, pushing forest and peat fires across its central and western regions. Temperatures for weeks have soared as high as 38 Celsius (100 Fahrenheit) in Moscow, where the average summer temperature usually is around 23 Celsius (75 Fahrenheit).

Early results: New constitution for Kenya likely

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—Election officials in Kenya say that preliminary results are coming in overwhelmingly in favor of a new constitution. Kenya on Wednesday cast votes for a constitution that would curtail the president's powers and give citizens a bill of rights. Election officials on Thursday said preliminary results showed that about 67 percent of the nation voted for the new constitution, with 33 percent against. Preliminary results from about 75 percent of polling stations have been counted. Backers of the "No" vote say they have misgivings about the results but are appealing for calm. Ethnically charged violence left more than 1,000 people dead following the disputed 2007 election. No major violence has been reported this time.

Conquistador monument draws **Mexican Indians' ire**

MEXICO CITY (AP)—A city in southern Mexico agreed Wednesday to consider a petition by Mayan Indians to remove a recently installed monument to the Spanish conquistadores who led the bloody conquest of the region in the 1500s Over 100 Mayan groups and individuals from Yucatan and other Mexican states signed the petition asking that the monument to Francisco de Montejo and his son be removed from a boulevard in Merida, Yucatan's state capital. It was installed in June. Between 1528 and 1546, Montejo and later his son led bloody battles for control of the Yucatan peninsula, killing Mayas by the thousands and suppressing Mayan culture. The Maya continued to resist, but their lands were largely taken and many were forced to labor on plantations owned by the descendants of the conquerors.

UN chief in Nagasaki calls for nuclear disarmament

NAGASAKI, Japan (AP)—U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called for the abolishment of nuclear weapons Thursday during a visit to Nagasaki, one of two Japanese cities devastated by U.S. atomic bombs in the closing days of World War II.

Ban toured the Atomic Bomb Museum and met with six survivors during his visit, the first by a U.N. chief to Nagasaki. More than 70,000 people were killed when the U.S. bombed the southern Japanese city on Aug. 9, 1945.

"My visit here has strengthened my conviction that these weapons must be outlawed, either by a nuclear weapons convention or by a framework of separate mutually reinforcing instruments," Ban said in a speech at Nagasaki's Urakami Cathedral.

The cathedral, just 2,000 feet (600 meters) from the bomb's hypocenter, was completely destroyed and was rebuilt along with much of the city after the war.

Ban said nations must work together to create a world free from nuclear weapons.

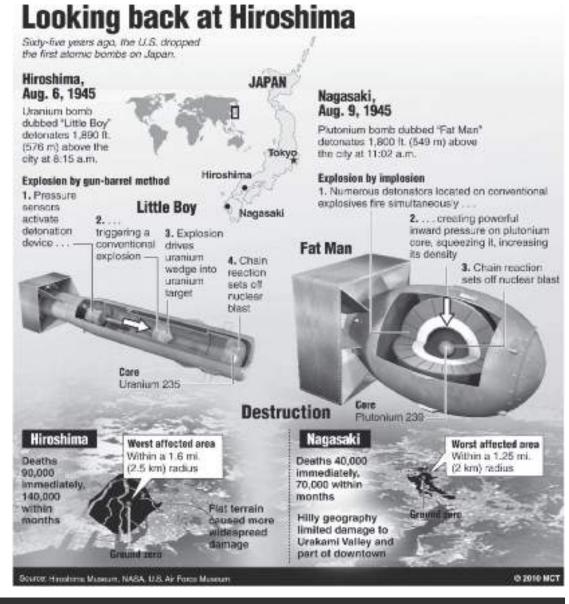
"The only way to ensure that such weapons will never again be used is to eliminate them all," he said. "There must be no place in our world for such indiscriminate

Ban is to visit Hiroshima on Friday to attend the 65th anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombing of that city on Aug. 6, 1945. About 140,000 people were killed or died within months in Hiroshima. Japan surrendered on Aug. 15, ending World War II.

U.S. Ambassador John Roos will also attend the ceremony in Hiroshima, becoming the first representative sent by Washington to the annual commemoration.

Nuclear powers France and Britain will also send representatives to the Hiroshima ceremony for the first

Former President Jimmy Carter visited Hiroshima's Peace Museum in 1984, after he was out of office. The highest-ranking American to visit while in office is House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who went in 2008.



Ex-US prosecutor accuses UN chief of hiring bias

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—An accomplished former U.S. prosecutor has filed a grievance accusing Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon of blocking his hiring to the U.N.'s top investigative post because of discrimination based on gender and nationality.

The dispute over Robert Appleton's appointment is the latest salvo in a high-stakes fight within the world organization over how to fix the U.N.'s long-troubled internal watchdog agency. U.N. associate spokesman Farhan Haq said Wednesday that Ban's office could not comment on matters before the tribunal.

Appleton's 76-page application to the U.N. Dispute Tribunal, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, said that Ban's refusal to hire him is a breach of the U.N. Charter and General Assembly resolutions.

Ban appeared to be ignoring U.N. hiring rules that require filling vacancies based on experience and qualifications "because of the applicant's gender and nationality. This is the essence of discrimination endorsed by the very officials whose job it is to enforce the organization's policies prohibiting such conduct," Appleton wrote.

He is seeking \$1 million in damages and up to about \$500,000 in lost wages and benefits. His grievance was first reported in Foreign Policy magazine's "Turtle Bay" blog.

Appleton headed the U.N.'s special white collar fraud unit, known as the Procurement Task Force, that operated with great success from 2006 to 2008. It found 20 significant corruption schemes, leading to

several felony convictions and sanctions against dozens of U.N. vendors.

The U.N. created the task force in the wake of the scandal over \$1.8 billion bilked from the oil-for-food program that had been aimed at easing Iraqi suffering under U.N. sanctions.

During two global recruitment rounds in 2008 and 2009, an internal hiring panel selected Appleton from among about 70 applicants as the sole qualified and suitable candidate to serve as permanent head of the investigation division within the U.N.'s Office of Internal Services, or OIOS.

The outgoing head of OIOS, Inga-Britt Ahlenius of Sweden, who stepped down last month after five years, had left the position unfilled from mid-2006. The agency has two other divisions for audits and in-

Flare-up over tree accents Israel-Lebanon tension

than cutting down a tree to shatter four years of calm on the Israel-Lebanon border.

With Israel uneasy about the growing arsenal of Hezbollah, the real power in the Lebanese border area, and Lebanon influenced by the Iranian-backed group's clout, the clash that left four dead showed how a small spark could ignite another war.

On Wednesday all sides appeared to be trying to restore calm, but the key was clearly in the hands of Hezbollah.

Had it entered the fray with a rocket attack on Israel's north, Israel would likely have retaliated, and another round of Mideast violence would have been under way—following the pattern of the monthlong conflict in 2006, when Hezbollah fired almost 4,000 rockets as Is-

JERUSALEM (AP)—It took no more rael's military bombed strategic targets all over Lebanon and swept through the

> Instead, Hezbollah sufficed with threats against Israel, and after nightfall Wednesday, representatives of the Israeli and Lebanese armies met with U.N.

> In a statement afterward, peace force commander Maj. Gen. Alberto Asarta Cuevas said he called for restraint from all sides and avoidance of " any action that could serve to heighten tensions." He said UNIFIL was still investigating the clash, but preliminary findings were presented at the meeting. The statement gave no details.

> The monthly meeting was brought forward to defuse the crisis, UNIFIL officials said.

Mexico: Cartels move beyond drug trade, seek domination

MEXICO CITY (AP)—President Fe- Drugs are becoming less of a focus line Calderon said Wednesday that Mexico's cartels in many cases have moved beyond drugs as their main money-earner and are even trying to supplant the government in parts of the country.

Speaking at an anti-crime conference, Calderon said gangs are imposing fees like taxes in towns they dominate, extorting money from both legitimate and unauthorized businesses.

"This has become an activity that defies the government, and even seeks to replace the government," he said. "They are trying to impose a monopoly by force of arms, and are even trying to impose their own laws."

Calderon said cartels may even be taking money from churches. "I do not doubt that they are also extorting money from priests and pastors in this country," he said.

for the gangs, he said

"Their main business is not anymore even drug trafficking, sometimes," Calderon said. "Their business is dominating other people.'

Calderon told the gathering that some people are urging him to leave the cartels alone, after more than 28,000 people have died in drug violence since he launched an offensive against the cartels upon taking office in late 2006.

"Really, they are telling me, 'Mr. President, don't bother the criminals'," he said.

Calderon called that "simply an unacceptable option."

Meanwhile, in the port of Manzanillo, capital of the western state of Colima, federal authorities said they seized 200 tons of precursor chemicals for making synthetic drugs.

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Off The Wall

Parasailing donkey to fly no more, enjoy good life

MOSCOW (AP)—The parasailing donkey will never fly again and can look ahead to a life of luxury.

The female donkey Anapka arrived in Moscow on Wednesday after her brays of terror over a southern Russian beach last month prompted a British newspaper to step in and buy her.

A recreation company had sent Anapka up into the sky for about 30 minutes for a promotional stunt and the YouTube video of her trip made headlines around the world. Upset readers of the The Sun had urged the newspaper to rescue her.

"Our readers were deeply moved," Sun correspondent Garry O'Shea told the Associated Press. "We were contacted by thousands of readers. They wanted us to ensure the wellbeing of this animal."

Anapka traveled from her small town by the Azov Sea to the Kremlin riding school outside Moscow, where her arrival was filmed by news cameras.



Donkey Anapka undergoes medical checks upon arrival in Moscow's Kremlin horse riding school, Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2010.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—

Ark. gov. race all shook up: Elvis **Presley running**

Elvis Presley is running for Arkansas governor. No, not that Elvis. Elvis D. Presley of Star City filed papers with the secretary of state's office on Wednesday to run as a write-in candidate for governor. Presley indicated in the paperwork that he wants to "supply the people with a broader array of employment and newer chain of state government." He declined to tell The Associated Press how he got his name but says he is an Elvis impersonator in his spare time. Democratic Gov. Mike Beebe is seeking re-election in November. He faces Republican Jim Keet and Green Party nominee Jim Lendall in November. Two other candidates have filed to run as write-ins for governor. Presley must still file with each of the state's 75 counties.

Pa. woman's stripper job leads to fraud charges DOYLESTOWN, Pa. (AP)—A

Pennsylvania woman is accused of illegally accepting workers' compensation payments while working as a stripper. Forty-threeyear-old Christina Gamble waived a preliminary hearing scheduled for Tuesday and will face trial next month. Prosecutors say the Ouakertown woman claimed she hurt her back at her waitressing job and couldn't work. A judge granted her \$360 per week in benefits in October 2008. But private investigators working for the restaurant's insurance company say they taped her dancing at C.R. Fanny's Gentlemen's Club and Sports Bar in Wilson later that year. Gamble is charged with two counts of workers' compensation fraud and one count of theft. Her phone number is unlisted.

Porn site airs at Indonesia's parliament

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)— Indonesian lawmakers and journalists got a shock when an online porn video blazed across dozens of computer monitors outside the press room at Parliament. Witnesses say it took security guards 10 minutes to shut down the computers Monday. The touch-screen monitors are used by visitors to check the Parliament agenda and other political activities. House Secretary-General Nining Indra said the unwanted interruption was probably caused by someone trying to access a porn site on the computer system. She said officials would use close circuit TV footage to investigate. Indonesia is the world's most populous Muslim nation. Authorities have been trying to crack down on porn ahead of the holy fasting month of Ramadan that starts next week.

Ohio Red Cross giving away new car, or Amish buggy

CLEVELAND (AP)—To spur blood donations, an Ohio Red Cross chapter is offering people who give a pint of blood the chance to win a car or a horsedrawn buggy. Spokeswoman Christy Chapman in Cleveland says the Red Cross didn't want to leave its many Amish donors

out of the giveaway. The organization's Northern Ohio blood services region includes three counties with one of the nation's largest Amish populations. The Red Cross regional operation has a board member who is Amish and who is arranging to have a buggy custom made for the contest, which wraps up Sept. 6. Blood donors who prefer a more modern mode of transportation can win a 2010 Nissan Versa.

The donkey was quickly surrounded by reporters and onlookers eager to stroke her.

The riding school's chief veterinarian, Arina Stepanova, said the 17-year-old donkey was tired after her

journey but showed no signs of serious illness.

Her new owners, meanwhile, are reviewing different options for a new home.

Harry Redknapp, coach of England's Tottenham Hotspur

football club, has volunteered to shelter the donkey in an animal sanctuary he is opening in Hampshire, O'Shea said.

The Sun also has received numerous offers to adopt Anapka, he said.



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Secretary of Public Works





REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DPW10-RFP-015

DESIGN BUILD FOR RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF WIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING No. N-25, UPPER NAVY HILL, SAIPAN

overnor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through Secretary of Public Works, are soliciting sealed proposals for the esign Build For Renovation and Expansion of WIC Administration Building No. N-25, Upper Navy Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth f the Northern Mariana Islands.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. however, Article 7, "Local Business", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is **not** available because its use is prohibited by the Federal Law granting the funding for this project. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 4-102 of the Procurement Regulations.

Any corporation or partnership "firm" must have or obtained a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Board of Professional Licensing (CNMI BOPL). Individuals and/or sole proprietors are required to possess a valid professional license issued by the CNMI BOPL

The Scope of Work will be available on or after **August 06, 2010** at the DPW, Technical Services Division, Capitol Hill, Saipan. A Mandatory Pre-proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the WIC Administration Bldg. No. N-25.Upper Navy Hill on **August 16, 2010**. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to **Mr. Joseph M. Inos Jr.**, Director, Technical Services Division, 1353 Mednilla Avenue-Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 4:30 p.m. local time August

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and Schedule of Completion, which details how the work will be accomplished by the consultants, given the time requirements and resources available as identified in their proposals.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (resumes and experience). The total proposal submitted shall be no more than twenty five (25) pages in length. Note that a firm, which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, *cannot* submit as a subcontractor or another proposal. However, only subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria

- Qualifications and Background of the Company– 40%; Past experience of the contractor on design builds projects and successfully completions– 15%; Capability and ability to perform the work and completed within the time frame– 10%; and Costs-35%.

Proposals must be sealed and marked "DPW10-RFP-015". For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, August 20, 2010. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, August 20, 2010 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than, August 20, 2010 and must be received no later than August 31, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. A Surety company shall hold the certificate of authority (COA) from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. This security may be Certified Check, Cashier's or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If payable to the CNMI Ireasurer, with the frame of the blood and a local side of the CNMI Ireasurer, with the accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at one hundred dollars (US\$100.00) per working days for delays beyond the established

Discussion shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made, therefore, negotiation shall be conducted with the highest qualified firm at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. The successful proposers will be subject to a responsibility determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

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All responses to this RFP shall take into account all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded a contract for this project, including excise tax.

All submitted proposals received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interest of the Government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI Government.

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/s/ JOSEPH KEVIN VILLAGOMEZ Secretary of Public Health

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN Director, Procurement & Supply



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Opening Date: Thursday, July 15, 2010 Closing Date: August 13, 2010

JVA NO.	Position Title	Positions (s)	*Salary	Contract	Location
10-002-1	Drinking Water and Wastewater Division Manager (DM)	1	\$60,000 to \$75,000 per year; un-graded, un-classified	Two years	Water and Wastewater Divisions, Saipan
10-005-2	Wastewater Treatment Plant Operation Supervisor Saipan) ("0S")	s 1	\$55,000 to \$ 65,000 per year; un-graded, un-classified	Two years	Wastewater Division, Saipan
10-029	Wastewater Treatment Level 2 Certified	d 2	\$35,000 To \$42,500 per year un-graded; un-classified	Two Years	Wastewater Division, Saipan
10-030	Wastewater Collection Level 2 Certified	i 2	\$35,000 To \$42,500 per year un-graded; un-classified	Two Years	Wastewater Division, Saipan
10-031	Water Treatment Level 1 Certified	1	\$30,000 To \$40,000 per year un-graded; un-classified	Two Years	Water Section, Rota
10-032	Water Distribution Level 2 Certified	1	\$35,000 To \$42,500 per year	Two Years	Water Section, Rota

Opening Date: Thursday, July 20, 2010 Closing Date: August 19, 2010

JVA NO.	Position Title	Positions (s)	*Salary	Contract	Location
10-038	Internal Auditor	1	\$30,000 To \$40,000 per year un-graded; un-classified	Two Years	Chief Financial Officer Divisions, Saipan

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Science & Technology

Web winners: Cut energy costs at home

By REID KANALEY THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Being energy-efficient is good for so many reasons, not the least of which the potential savings to your budget. These sites

provide guidance on positive changes you can make around the house.

■ Energy-cost calculator: Want to know how much it may be costing you to keep those night lights on in the house? Or to run the air conditioner, the toaster or the coffeemaker? The page of calculators here will tell you, based on a current national average for electricity costs. The results might persuade you to switch off a few more bulbs,

set the AC to a higher temperature, or skip a cup of joe. http:// go.philly.com/SaveEnergy1

■ Bottom to top: HowStuff-Works, one of our favorite sites, now owned by Discovery Communications Inc., goes from foundation to rooftop to explain how to make a house more energy-efficient. The effort starts with sealing cracks and holes in the exterior, and ends with pipes wrapped, water heaters blanketed and reduced-flow showerheads in place. http://go.philly. com/SaveEnergy2

■ Microclimate control: Even landscaping can be designed to reduce heating and cooling costs, says this U.S. government site on saving energy. Shading, windbreaks and attention to your property's microclimate are some of the keys. For example, a nearby lake may make your microclimate more humid, or cooler, than the general area. http:// go.philly.com/SaveEnergy3

■ Green building: Among its many suggestions, the Green **Building Council recommends** you resist the temptation to keep using an old refrigerator once you've bought an energyefficient one. http://go.philly. com/SaveEnergy4

■ Mother's way: Making a home more energy-efficient is not about being austere; it is about eliminating waste, says this article from Mother Earth News. The site explains how to get an energy audit, take advantage of tax incentives, and how to eliminate "phantom loads"—the power wasted throughout the house by unused but plugged-in devices. http://go.philly.com/ SaveEnergy5

Germany warns of Apple security problem

(AP)—Several versions of Apple's iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch have potentially serious security problems, a German government agency said in an official warning Wednesday.

Apple's iOS operating system has "two critical weak points for which no patch exists." the Federal Office for Information Security said.

Opening a manipulated website or a PDF file could allow criminals to spy on passwords, planners, photos, text messages, e-mails and even listen in to phone conversations, the agency said in a statement.

"This allows potential attackers access to the complete system, including administrator rights," it added, urging users not to open PDF files on their mobile devices and only use trustworthy websites until Apple Inc. publishes a software update.

A spokesman for Apple in Germany, Georg Albrecht, told The Associated Press that the company is looking into the matter.

"We know these reports and are investigating them," he said, refusing to elaborate.

Although no attacks have been observed yet they were likely to appear soon, the German agency said.

"It has to be expected that hackers will soon use the weak spots for attacks," it said, noting that the devices' popularity could lead to attacks within the corporate world-possibly facilitating industrial espionage.

The security loophole became obvious after reports about a successful hacking of Apple's iOS operating system emerged on Monday, a spokeswoman for the agency, Katrin Alberts, said.

"Since then, information used in this hack is publicly available and can be used to infect an iOS device simply by opening a specially crafted PDF file," she told the AP.

application targeted in such an attack, Alberts noted, is not Adobe Systems Inc.'s Acrobat reader which allows users to view PDF files, but Apple's internal application for opening those files on its iOS devices.

"We decided to communicate this proactively because a potential attacker may gain access to the entire device." Alberts said.

The federal agency,



This product image provided by DISH Network L.L.C, shows an Apple iPad using the Remote Access app. Dish Network Corp. is planning to offer the feature on the iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch and BlackBerry devices in September and on phones using Google Inc.'s Android system in October.

based in Bonn, said it was in contact with Apple on the issue. The warning relates to iPhones using iOS versions 3.1.2-4.0.1., iPads using iOS 3.2-3.2.1 and iPods Touch using iOS 3.1.2.-4.0.

The agency said it was possible but not clear whether older iOS or iPhone OS versions could also be affected.

UESTION: I was on a website when a flashing box appeared on the bottom of the screen. It said I was the 1 millionth reader and had won a \$1,000 gift certificate to Walmart. When I clicked on

By STEVE ALEXANDER

STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

the box, a screen full of questions came up; they asked for my e-mail address, age, household income, years of education completed and health questions.

After a couple of screens of this, I decided I was giving out too much information and exited the screen. But within an hour we began receiving numerous e-mails about

education opportunities, medical supplies, dating services and laptops waiting to be delivered. I tried unsubscribe to these e-mails, but each day we have 20 to 40 new

items in our junk mail to delete. Is there any way to stop all of this?—Dennis Thompson, Princeton, Minn.

NSWER: The sad truth is Athat you're doing all you can. I could refer you to other anti-spam software at http:// spam-filter-review.toptenreviews.com/, but it sounds as if your spam filter is working.

Spam is a huge problem because it constitutes 85 to 90 percent of all e-mail. Fortunately, good e-mail filtering software will stop most spam from reaching your inbox.

Unfortunately, you're getting more than your share of spam as a result of providing personal information on that form. Trying to unsubscribe to the spam simply confirmed to the spam-

mers that you're reading their mail, making you an even more attractive target.

Providing personal data

gives spammers an in

You should never volunteer personal information except to a website (not an e-mail) that you know and trust. Don't assume a pop-up ad is affiliated with a trusted website

: You warned against using public Wi-Fi networks for online banking because of security concerns. Wouldn't the same caveats hold true for my home Wi-Fi network?-Jim Rankin, Wilmington, N.C.

: Someone could steal your Abanking information from your home Wi-Fi network. But because the signals are shortrange, the thieves would have to

> be your immediate neighbors or someone lurking near your house.

> Wi-Fi signals typically have a maximum range of 300 feet, and the actual distance can be half that, depending

on how many walls or floors the signal must travel through. The exception: Newer Wi-Fi routers using the 802.11n standard have more than double the maximum range of their predecessors.

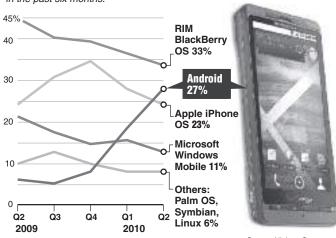
If you're concerned, don't use home Wi-Fi for online banking. Disconnect your wireless router and plug your Internet modem directly into your PC; that wired connection is much more secure.

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Desktop icon just won't die

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By ANNE KRISHNAN

UESTION: I received an e-mail message from a known source some time ago, and downloaded an attached file on my desktop. When I clicked on the icon, I found it contained O bytes. When I right-click on the icon to delete it, a message comes up saying "Cannot delete file: Cannot read from the source file or disk." So this useless icon has remained on my desktop of my computer. I would appreciate it if you can tell me how to delete this icon.—P.Z., Raleigh, N.C.

NSWER: Jeremy Behrens, an IT consultant in Audubon, N.J., A suggests two approaches.

First, try single-left-clicking on a part of your desktop that's not near an icon, then hitting the F5 key. This refreshes the desktop and may get rid of the file in question.

If not, Behrens refers you to an answer to a similar question at the GeekstoGo.com forum. There, users suggest a program called Delete FXP Files that can be downloaded at http://www.jrtwine.com/ Products/DelFXPFiles/.

The developer of the application says it is designed to help easily delete stubborn directories and file names.

The free edition has the basic deletion capability, but is limited to five deletion operations and will not delete folders. Versions with more options start at \$14.99. See the link above for all the details.

: Currently I am unable to use either Outlook or Outlook Express for my e-mails on my new laptop running Windows 7. Should I be able to? Can I use Office 2003 to load my e-mail?— L.C., Wake Forest, N.C.

The Outlook available as part of Office 2003 is compatible with Windows 7, but according to Microsoft's online support, it needs to be upgraded with Service Pack 3. You can find it at http:// www.microsoft.com/downloads/. Just search for "Office 2003 Service Pack 3."

On the other hand, Outlook Express can't be downloaded or run on Windows Vista or Windows 7. However, you can download an e-mail program such as Mozilla's Thunderbird (a top choice of geeks) from http://www.mozillamessaging.com/thunderbird/.

You also can use Windows Live Mail — a free program that works with most e-mail accounts. You can import your e-mail, contacts and calendar from Outlook Express into Windows Live Mail, Microsoft support says.

Windows Live Mail might already be installed on your computer. To check if it's there, click the Start button (the blue circle with the Windows flag), type "Windows Live Mail" and see if it appears in the results, Microsoft says. If it does appear, you can find help setting it up at the following link: http://www.tinyurl.com/geekslivemail/.

If it doesn't appear, you can get Windows Live Mail by downloading and installing Windows Live Essentials at http://explore. live.com/windows-live-mail/.

Think you can stump the geeks? Send your high-tech question to stumpthegeeks@newsobserver.com. Please include your name, address and daytime phone number. Individual replies are not given.

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This photo provided by the Philippe Halsman Archive, via the High Museum of Art shows artist Salvador Dali in a 1953 portrait by photographer Philippe Halsman.

Life & Style

New Dali exhibition exclusively at Atlanta museum

ATLANTA (AP)—A new exhibition opening not be able to discern much difference between the exclusively in Atlanta explores artist Salvador Dali's late work, including several major pieces that haven't been seen in the U.S. in half a century.

Dali is best known as a surrealist, his melting watches an iconic image of that movement. But after about 10 years, his relationship with that group grew strained in the late 1930s for a variety

reasons both artistic and political. "Salvador Dali: The Late Work," opening at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta on Saturday, focuses on the period from 1940 to 1983.

"It's become a really interesting area for investigation because you have Dali's career which spans almost all of the 20th century, but historically people have really only looked at the 1930s," said exhibition curator Elliott King. "It was almost like he died in 1940."

Dali declared himself a classic painter in 1941, and while many critics disparaged his later work as kitsch or too commercial, the general public may

surrealist period and the later works, King said.

"Even though Dali was defining his work as a radical separation and a lot of critics really began taking that divide up to define late Dali, there are a lot of interesting continuities that kind of work through the whole," he said.

For that reason, King said, the new exhibition works on multiple levels. For Dali newcomers, it provides an introduction to the deep imagination and showmanship of the Spanish artist. For those who know Dali well, it may challenge perceptions of his later work and provide a glimpse of works not seen before.

The exhibit opens with photos by American photographer Philippe Halsman of the mustachioed artist in crazy poses showcasing what King describes as Dali's "wacky showman" side. It then moves into some earlier works to give visitors some background.

From there, it progresses to Dali's exploration

of "nuclear mysticism," which reflects two recurring influences on Dali's late work—his return to the Catholic Church and nuclear physics.

A perfect example of this concept is "The Madonna of Port-Lligat," which shows the Madonna and Child fragmented and breaking into particles. The large-scale painting is on loan from a museum in Japan and hasn't been seen in the U.S. since 1951.

Another impressive piece that illustrates this theme is "Santiago El Grande," an homage to Saint James, the patron saint of Spain, which features Dali's vision of the crucifixion and a horse rearing up above an atomic explosion.

Designed as an altarpiece, King said the painting is best viewed from below, lying on the floor and looking up. (Though, for safety reasons, the High would prefer visitors just crouch.) On loan from the Beaverbrook Art Gallery in New Brunswick, Canada, the painting hasn't traveled since 1959.



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> Ms. Maria Paz Younis Chairperson, Presidential Search Committee Northern Marianas College (Attention: Human Resources Office) P.O. Box 501250 Saipan, MP 96950

The committee reserves the option to extend the closing date if there are insufficient qualified applicants. For more information about this position announcement and about NMC, visit www.nmcnet.edu.

Obama turns 49 with Mrs. Obama, kids out of town

CHICAGO (AP)—Alone on his 49th birthday, President Barack Obama fled the empty White House mansion and headed for a more intimate celebration with longtime friends in his Chicago hometown.

Obama has been living a bachelor's life for the past several days with first lady Michelle Obama and daughter Sasha visiting Spain and daughter Malia spending the month away at an undisclosed camp.

Before leaving Washington on Wednesday afternoon with the family dog, Bo, Obama got a couple of presents he didn't have to unwrap and which the White House described as being the highlight of his day: telephone calls from the women in his life.

Mrs. Obama and Sasha phoned in their happy birthday wishes, followed by a lunchtime call from Malia.

"Needless to say ... both those calls were the highlights of his day," White House press secretary Robert Gibbs told reporters who traveled with Obama aboard Air Force One.

Obama's Secret Service detail got him a present, though Gibbs would describe it only as "heartfelt."

As the presidential motorcade pulled closer to his house in Hyde Park, neighbors lined the street to welcome him home with waves and signs, including "Happy 49th Birthday President Barack Obama" and "Happy Birthday Mr. President."

Obama's birthday—though a year short of the milestone 5-0 also was viewed in this election year as a prime fundraising opportunity for Democrats, who fear losing their hold on both houses of Congress come November. E-mails, house parties and other forms of outreach sought to capitalize on Obama's big day.

Mrs. Obama even joined the act, asking supporters to sign an e-mail birthday card being distributed by Organizing for America, Obama's political organization. More than 1.2 million people had signed it as of Wednesday morning.

The Republican Party marked the occasion with a new website

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"Thank You" does not begin to express the sincere

gratitude and heartfelt appreciation we feel to you,

our friends and family. Your expressions of sympathy

offering 11 different e-cards people can send Obama, including ones mocking the ethics problems of Democratic Reps. Charles Rangel of New York and Maxine Waters of California, and noting key Democratic election losses in Virginia, New Jersey and Massachusetts.

Obama planned to help out with the money-raising on Thursday by headlining separate events in Chicago for the Democratic Party and Alexi Giannoulias, the Democrat eyeing the Senate seat Obama gave up to become president.

The president spoke earlier Wednesday at an AFL-CIO meeting in Washington and joked about not getting a birthday cake from his "good friends" in the labor movement. A cake apparently had been planned, according to union president Richard Trumka, but he said the Secret Service had nixed the idea.

Obama said he'd have a talk with the agents then joked, "They're probably eating it

Giuliani daughter arrested at NYC cosmetics store

NEW YORK (AP)—Rudy Giuliani's daughter was arrested Wednesday on a misdemeanor shoplifting charge at a beauty supplies store after she was seen on security video pocketing makeup, police said.

Caroline Giuliani, a 20-yearold Harvard University student, was seen taking five items worth more than \$100 at a Sephora store in Manhattan,

New York Police Department spokesman Paul Browne said.

Store managers, after calling police, said they didn't want to press charges against her, Browne said. But police arrested her on a petty larceny charge, he said.

Giuliani, wearing black pants and a red sweater and with her arms folded, exited a police precinct Wednesday evening

and quickly got into an SUV with a man and two women. She did not respond to reporters' questions.

The Manhattan district attorney's office had not decided whether to file formal charges against Giuliani, spokeswoman Erin Duggan said.

A message left with Rudy Giuliani's office was not immediately returned. The arrest was first reported by the New York Post.

Caroline Giuliani is the younger of the former New York mayor's two children with ex-wife Donna Hanover, a television reporter and actress. She is believed to be estranged from her prosecutorturned-politican father.

In 2007, when Rudy Giuliani was seeking the Republican nomination for president, Caroline Giuliani listed herself as a member of Barack Obama's Facebook group supporting his candidacy. But she left the group after an online magazine sent her an inquiry about it, and she didn't comment on the presidential race.

Rudy Giuliani lost to U.S. Sen. John McCain, who lost to Obama.

He has asked for privacy to deal with strained relationships in his family. His son, Andrew Giuliani, 23, has said their relationship became distant after his father's messy divorce from his mother and marriage to another woman.



In this Aug. 29, 2002 file photo, Caroline Giuliani, daughter of former mayor Rudolph Giuliani, arrives at the MTV Video Music Awards at New York's Radio City Music Hall.

Coroner: Pneumonia killed Brittany Murphy husband

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Brittany Murphy's husband Simon Monjack died from pneumonia, the same illness that killed his actress wife months earlier, coroner's officials said Wednesday.

Monjack, 40, had a slightly enlarged heart and some prescription medications were found in his body, but not at levels that contributed to his death, Assistant Chief Coroner Ed Winter said.

Monjack was found dead May 23 at the Hollywood Hills home he shared with his actress wife and her mother. Officials

initially suspected a heart attack and confirmed Wednesday that Monjack died of natural causes.

Winter said the deaths of British-born screenwriter and Murphy had been referred to county health officials since they died of pneumonia, but did not know if an investigation was ongoing. The health department declined comment.

A list of medications was not immediately available but would be included in a full report issued in about two weeks, Winter said.

Murphy, star of films such as the same."

"Clueless" and "8 Mile," died in December and coroner's officials determined she died of a combination of pneumonia and that anemia and prescription medications played a role.

Winter says both their deaths were likely preventable.

"In simple English—they didn't take care of themselves," Winter said. "They didn't seek medical advice from a doctor. Brittany could have survived if she had gone to a hospital and Simon I think could have done

Yao Ming, others film ads to boost China's image

BEIJING (AP)—Basketball CCTV reported this week. star Yao Ming, movie director John Woo and piano prodigy na's economic, cultural, sports University, said Wednesday. Lang Lang are among dozens and other achievements in of celebrities who will appear in television commercials later this year in a bid by China to boost its image abroad.

Experts say Chinese leaders have been unhappy over international coverage of sensitive aspects of the country, such as human rights and Beijing's control of Tibet. The government has accused international media organizations of being biased and focusing on negative news.

China has started making the commercials along with a short film using 50 celebrities, including astronaut Yang Liwei and Olympic gold medalist diver Guo Jingjing, state broadcaster

30-second television commercials, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

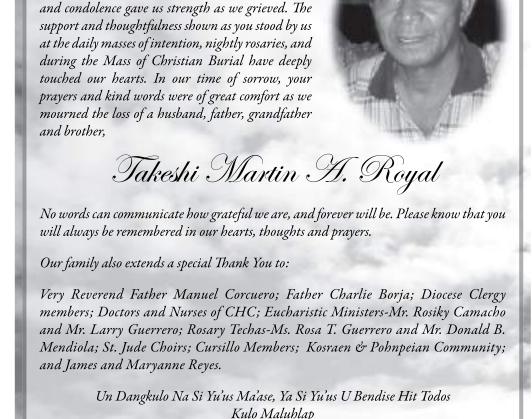
The State Council, China's Cabinet, said the ads will promote an image of prosperity, democracy, openness, peace and harmony. Filming is to be completed by October and the ads will air on international networks such as CNN, Xinhua said. No dates were given for when they will be broadcast.

The ads reflect Chinese leaders' desire to change negative perceptions of the government, which is often seen as secretive and closed, as the country's presence on the global stage

grows, Zhu Feng, a professor of The stars will promote Chi- international relations at Beijing

> "China now has the economic means and wants to promote its message abroad," he said. "China's desire to change its image abroad is partially a reflection of the leaders' anxiety as to why there are negative perceptions of China. They want to promote the country as peaceful and full of goodwill."

China is the world's biggest exporter and is poised to overtake Japan as the world's second-largest economy. In recent years it has stepped up a campaign to boost its influence with Confucius Institutes-which teach Chinese language and culture-and overseas news channels.



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Children and Grandchildren

HE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)—Judges rejected a last-minute protest from former Liberian ruler Charles Taylor, clearing the way for British fashion model Naomi Campbell to testify at his war crimes trial on Thursday.

The reluctant Campbell has been subpoenaed to testify about a diamond Taylor allegedly gave her after a dinner party hosted by Nelson Mandela in South Africa in 1997.

Taylor's lawyer, Courtenay Griffiths, had argued that Campbell should not appear until prosecutors provide a summary of her likely testimony.

But judges rejected that in Wednesday's ruling, saying it was not reasonable to expect prosecutors to obtain a statement beforehand from Campbell, who is essentially a hostile witness.

Prosecutors say that if Taylor really gave Campbell the diamond, it would help show he received diamonds from Sierra Leone rebels in exchange for weapons during Sierra Leone's 1992-2002 civil war.

Prosecutors say that from his seat of power in Liberia Taylor armed, trained and commanded Sierra Leone rebels who murdered and mutilated thousands of civilians across the border.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Two

doctors violated their respon-

sibility to protect Anna Nicole

Smith by prescribing massive

amounts of drugs with the con-

nivance of her lawyer-boy-

friend, even though they knew

she was addicted to painkillers,

a prosecutor argued Wednesday.

Howard K. Stern said he loved

Smith and depended on doctors

to prescribe the right medica-

tions for her chronic pain. He

Smith's mother, Virgie Ar-

thur, was in the courtroom with

other relatives—a reminder

of protracted court battles in

the Bahamas and Florida after

Smith died of a drug overdose

The contentions of Deputy

District Attorney Renee Rose

came during opening state-

ments at the conspiracy trial of

Stern, Dr. Sandeep Kapoor and

Dr. Khristine Eroshevich, who

are accused of providing vast

amounts of powerful opiates

and sedatives for the Playboy

"None of it could have hap-

pened without Mr. Stern," Rose

added during her two-hour pre-

Stern's attorney, Steve Sa-

dow, was the first to present the

sentation in Superior Court.

model under multiple names.

in February 2007.

said she was not an addict.

But a defense attorney for

Naomi Campbell to speak at Taylor war crimes case

Taylor has said he is innocent of the 11 war crimes charges he faces including murder, rape, sexual enslavement and recruiting child soldiers.

He has also denied involvement in the diamond trade in general, and specifically said he did not bring any diamonds to the celebrity-studded dinner he and Campbell attended in South Africa in September 1997.

The story of the diamond gift surfaced via actress Mia Farrow, who told prosecutors in a statement that Campbell told her the morning after the dinner that Taylor's men had come to her room during the night and presented her with a rough, or uncut, diamond. Farrow is due to testify in person Aug. 9.

However it is far from clear what Campbell—who has a lengthy history of her own, less serious legal troubles—will say in court on Thursday.

She declined to cooperate with prosecutors until judges last month ordered her to appear or face a maximum sentence of seven years for contempt.

mond" from Taylor and didn't want to talk about it. In May, she told Oprah Winfrey she didn't want to be involved in Taylor's case and feared for her safety if she were.

Judges have ordered special security measures for Campbell, saying her fears for her safety and privacy are legitimate because of her high profile and the intense media interest in her appearance.

The hot-tempered Campbell, 40, is no stranger to courtrooms, having faced a series of minor lawsuits and criminal cases over

In June 2008 she pleaded guilty in an incident where she cursed, kicked and spat at police at London's Heathrow airport in a rage over a missing piece of luggage; she was sentenced to 200 hours of community service.

She also did a week of community service sweeping floors and scrubbing toilets in a Manhattan garbage-truck garage in 2007 after pleading guilty to misdemeanor assault for hurling In April, she told ABC news a cell phone at her maid because she "never received a dia- of a vanished pair of jeans.

Attorneys make opening statements in Smith trial managed her pain and he acted

> "We're talking about longterm unrelenting pain," she said, "We don't look at how many pills are in the bottle. We're looking at whether a patient can live a normal life without pain."

Streisand named 2011 MusiCares Person of the Year

NEW YORK (AP) — Barbra Streisand will be honored as the 2011 MusiCares Person of the Year.

The Recording Academy and the MusiCares Foundation said Wednesday that Streisand will

receive the award Feb. 11 at a dinner and concert in Los Angeles.

The annual gala is among the festivities that will lead

Streisand

up to the 53rd annual Grammy Awards on Feb. 13.

The 68-year-old Streisand has won eight Grammy Awards. She is being honored for her creative accomplishments and philanthropic work.

MusiCares was established by The Recording Academy in 1989. It helps people in the music industry during times of need.

James Taylor and Aretha Franklin are among those who have been previously honored with the award.

In 2000, Campbell pleaded guilty in Toronto to an assault charge for beating an assistant who said the model whacked her on the head with a phone.

A few of Campbell's former aides and maids have sued her, accusing her of violent outbursts; some cases have been settled on undisclosed terms.

Campbell became one of the world's highest-paid models after being discovered while shopping in London at age 15.

In this May 20, 2010 file photo, British model Naomi Campbell arrives for the amfAR Cinema Against AIDS benefit, during the 63rd Cannes international film festival, in Cap d'Antibes, France.



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The epic struggle for control of planet Earth continues in this sequel to the 2001 comedy that had pet owners all across the world looking at their house pets in a whole new light. Chris O'Donnell and 30 Rock's Jack McBrayer head up the cast of the production, with scripting duties being handled by Brother Bear's Ron J. Friedman and

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heroin"

defense position. He said Stern was many things to Smithlawyer, adviser, friend, manager and boyfriend. "He cared for her and cherished her. He loved her," said

will tell you that." He said jurors would not be able to find a bad motive for

Sadow. "Witness after witness

Stern's actions. But he separated him from the other defendants.

"Howard K. Stern relied in good faith on the medical judgment of her doctors. He relied on their judgment on what was medically right and necessary for Anna Nicole Smith. Anna Nicole had pain, real pain, chronic pain."

Sadow stressed that Stern is not a doctor and suggested there was no conspiracy because, "If you don't know there's something wrong with what you're doing, there can't be an illegal agreement."

Stern and the doctors have pleaded not guilty to conspiracy to illegally furnishing the drugs. Each could face more than five years in prison if convicted, and the doctors would lose their

medical licenses. They are not accused of causing Smith's 2007 overdose death at age 39 at a Florida hotel.

Lawyers for the doctors and Stern have suggested they were desperately trying to save the doomed model during a period when she gave birth to a daughter and lost her grown son to a drug overdose.

Rose displayed pictures Wednesday on a courtroom screen of prescriptions that included methadone and Dilaudid, a drug known as "hospital

"Anna Nicole Smith took a lot of methadone for pain and she took Dilaudid on top of that," Rose said.

Kapoor's lawyer, Ellyn Garafalo, said Wednesday that Kapoor's prescriptions were appropriate and worked, and "he in good faith."



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Goldberg, White House crasher tangle after 'View' | Sean Penn and

NEW YORK (AP)—A spokesman says White House gatecrasher Michaele Salahi's visit to the ABC daytime talk show "The View" ended in a backstage shouting match with co-host Whoopi Goldberg.

Salahi went to the show Wednesday to promote her appearance on Bravo's "Real Housewives of D.C.," which premieres Thursday. Goldberg touched Salahi's back during an interview to get her attention and urge her to talk about the night she and her husband crashed President Barack Obama's state dinner last fall.

"The View" spokesman Karl Nilsson says after the show Goldberg and Salahi got into a "heated exchange" when Goldberg learned Salahi had accused the host of hitting her.

Salahi hasn't responded to an e-mailed request for comment. Bravo spokeswoman Cameron Blanchard says she's been unsuccessful trying to reach Salahi for her side of the story.



In this Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009 file photo, Michaele and Tareq Salahi, right, arrive at a State Dinner hosted by President Barack Obama at the White House in Washington

Sean Penn and Robin Wright's divorce finalized

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (AP)—There won't be an encore for Sean Penn and Robin Wright's marriage - court records show the couple are officially divorced.

A judgment ending their 14year marriage was entered July 22 in Marin County, which is in the Bay Area. The filing was first reported Wednesday by People.com

The couple's marriage has been an on-again, off-again affair. Wright filed for divorce last August, the third time the couple petitioned to either separate or divorce.

The filings show Penn and Wright will share custody of their 16-year-old son. They also have a 19-year-old daughter.

Requests for comment emailed to the actors' publicists were not immediately returned.

Details of any financial settlement the ex-couple entered were not filed with the court.

Woman feels no barriers with pen pal behind bars

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I have been writing to an inmate from the Florida prison system for about two years. It has slowly developed into more than a friendship. "Mike" is a born-again Christian, as am I. He doesn't get out until 2013 at the earliest, so we have plenty of time to see where this goes.



Am I wrong for considering someone who is in prison? Mike

has made mistakes, nothing violent, and has turned his life around. If he does become part of my life, how do I introduce him to my family so they may better accept him?

Abby, I'm 54. I lost my husband seven years ago. It is nice to have someone in my life again. We have talked on the phone, and it feels like we have known each other our whole lives. Am I crazy?

SMITTEN IN NEW YORK

DEAR SMITTEN: Crazy? No. Gullible? Possibly. Please forgive me if I seem cynical, but more than one devout, vulnerable, lonely woman has been taken advantage of by an inmate with whom she corresponded. That's why, before allowing yourself to become more emotionally involved, you should contact the warden of the prison and verify that what "Mike" has been telling you is the gospel truth. If it is—fine. If it's not, for your own sake, end the correspondence immediately.

P.S. As to how to introduce him to your family, if it comes to that, be completely honest and tell them he's your pen pal. If you're not, they'll find out eventually anyway.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a vegan who is constantly pestered by uninvited comments like, "You're not getting the proper nutrition," or "That looks disgusting," or "You should just give it up." I wouldn't dream of making such rude comments to others about their diet. What one eats is his or her own business.

My husband—an omnivore—and I have decided to raise our child vegan. He can choose whatever diet he prefers when he is older and educated about them. We work with a pediatric nutritionist to ensure that our son gets all the nutrients he needs. We make him pureed fresh vegetables, fruits, grains and more for almost every meal.

We are now getting comments from family and friends who feel we're practically abusing our son. I believe people make these comments because they are ignorant about this lifestyle. I have asked them to stop, but they continue. What can I do to stop the unwarranted harassment?

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DEAR SICK: Is your child's pediatrician aware of the diet you have him on? Is your pediatric nutritionist a member of the American Dietetic Association? Have you told the individuals making these comments that you are working with a professional to be sure your little one is getting everything he needs? If the answer to my questions is yes and the questioners persist, refer them to your nutritionist for reassurance.

DEAR ABBY: How do you mend a broken heart?

TEARS ON MY PILLOW

DEAR TEARS: By staying busy. By avoiding the "old reminders," which tend to make you moody and broody. By putting away or getting rid of the photographs, cards and gifts that make you sad—unless you enjoy punishing yourself. And by staying in the present.

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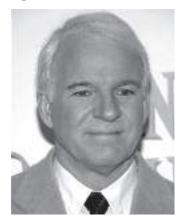
NY library to honor Steve Martin for his gift of ideas

NEW YORK (AP)—Steve Martin has been recognized in New York as a literary lion.

The actor-author-playwright was among five Library Lions announced Wednesday by the New York Public Library. Also cited were actor-author Ethan Hawke, authors Malcolm Gladwell and Zadie Smith and New York Public Library President Paul LeClerc.

The winners were chosen based on "their contributions to the world of ideas." They will be honored Nov. 1 at a black-tie gala.

No cash prize is given.



In this Feb. 3, 2009 file photo, Steve Martin arrives at the premiere of "The Pink Panther 2" at the Ziegfeld Theatre in New York.

Tony Robbins' reality show pulled from NBC schedule

NEW YORK (AP)—Tony Robbins' reality show has been pulled from NBC's schedule after just two airings.

The network says reruns of the game show "Minute to Win It" will claim the Tuesday-night slot vacated by "Breakthrough With Tony Robbins."

The Nielsen Co. says this week's airing of "Breakthrough" drew an audience of only 2.8 million viewers.

On "Breakthrough," inspirational speaker Robbins helped couples overcome tough challenges. The series had been originally scheduled for six episodes.



Tony Robbins poses for a portrait Monday, July 26, 2010 in New York

NBC said Wednesday that reruns of "Minute to Win It" will start next week.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

'30 Rock' actor speaks up for organ donation

NEW YORK (AP)—Actor Grizz Chapman of NBC's "30 Rock" is serving as an advocate for organ donation, just a month after undergoing a kidney transplant. Spokeswoman Anne Finn says Chapman will speak Thursday at New York's Montefiore Medical Center at an event observing National Minority Organ Donor Awareness Day. Chapman received his new kidney at that facility. Chapman was diagnosed with high blood pressure a decade ago. He learned several years later that he was suffering from kidney disease. Until his transplant, he was on dialysis three times a week. He and Kevin Brown, as the character Dot Com, appear as the two-man entourage for a hapless comedian played by Tracy Morgan on the "30 Rock" sitcom.

Film shows Springsteen recording 'Darkness' album

NEW YORK (AP)—An Emmy Awardwinning filmmaker has collaborated with Bruce Springsteen on a new documentary that chronicles the recording of the Boss' 1978 album. The film, "The Promise: The Making of Darkness on the Edge of Town," will premiere Sept. 14 at the Toronto International Film Festival. Filmmaker Thom Zimny gained access to never-before-seen footage of rehearsals and recording sessions shot from 1976-78. At the time, Springsteen was working to move past years of legal trouble and match the success he had with "Born to Run." "The Darkness" album featured many songs recorded with a full band immediately after being written. Tracks covered the plight of average Americans, from the struggling everyday hero in "Badlands" to hopelessness in the title track.

Kings of Leon to release new album Oct. 19

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—The Kings of Leon are releasing their much-anticipated follow up to "Only By The Night" on Oct. 19. The band's fifth album, "Come Around Sundown," comes two years after the band released its breakthrough record. Spurred by hits "Sex On Fire" and "Use Somebody," "Only By The Night" sold more than 1.2 million albums in the U.S., according to Nielsen SoundScan. The band recorded the

new album last winter and spring at Avatar Studios in New York. It was produced by longtime collaborators Angelo Petraglia and Jacqire King. The Nashville-area band won four Grammys for "Only By The Night" and recently headlined Bonnaroo in Tennessee.

PBS chief defends airing of George Shultz film

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—PBS chief Paula Kerger says she doesn't regret airing a documentary series last month on former Secretary of State George Shultz that some critics argued was tainted by its funding. Kerger told the Television Critics Association on Wednesday that the three-part film, "Turmoil and Triumph: The George Shultz Years," received money from a variety of sources, including people connected with Shultz. But she says none of the donors controlled the documentary's content, adding that the film reflected public TV's effort to present a variety of viewpoints. Shultz served in the Reagan administration. The PBS ombudsman said in July the series created "at least the appearance of a conflict of interest" because of its flattering portrait of Shultz and its funding.

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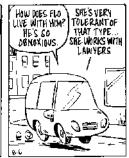




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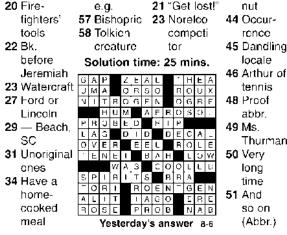
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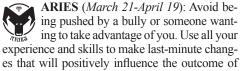


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es that will positively influence the outcome of anything you pursue. It's your own expectations that must be met. 😂 TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll

know instinctively how to play the game when it comes to money ventures and putting your skills to the test. Someone you are interested in will pay attention to you, as well. Romance should be part of your plan.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Set your goals high and sign up for challenges that will force you to stretch your abilities to the limit. Keep your emotions in check and refuse to let anyone play mind games with you. Set the stage for new beginnings and a better future. ���

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't get dragged down with burdens that don't belong to you. A sudden and untimely change to your status is likely but, in the end, it

will be a blessing. Don't hold onto something that is no longer to your benefit.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Branching out on a new venture or adding to something you already do will lead to greater income. Pick up skills and knowledge so you can move forward with confidence. A property investment will pay off. ����

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep business and pleasure separate. Don't let your emotions take over, causing problems with your productivity. Pay attention to detail and finish what you start.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put travel plans into play. You need to get away and devote time to a relationship you are in or, if single, find someone with common likes and dislikes. Staying at home will only lead to dissatisfaction and regret.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll have personal decisions to make involving contracts, paperwork and money matters. Before you get too carried away, make sure you have the approval you need from someone your decisions will affect. Honesty will help

you avoid an argument. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll be torn between what you should do, can do and want to do. Someone will oppose you and everything you stand for while someone else will stand in your corner. Speak up

> and make your choice. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll feel divided between two forces. Try not

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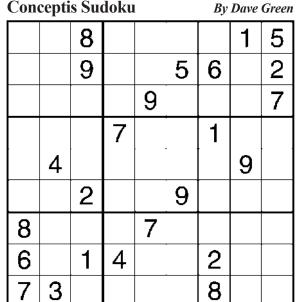
to let your emotions rule your decision. A practical approach is the only one that will bring you good results. You don't have to do everything all at once. 🛇 🔾 🔾

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take into account what happened and you will know what to do this time into account what happened in the past around. Personal and financial stability can be vours if you use your experience to guide you. Self-reliance and sticking to your plan will lead to victory. 🛇 😂

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Offer the ones you love something that will please. Put work on the back burner and focus on your personal life and your emotional wellbeing. OOOOO

Birthday Baby: You are an extremist but also an imaginative and resourceful team player. You are irresistible and unpredictable.

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By DAVID

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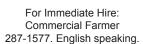
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF SAIPAN, INC., Plaintiff, CIVIL ACTION NO. 08-0119 AMENDED SUMMONS CHRISTINE B.
FIDELINO and
CRISTETA B.
FIDELINO,
Defendants.

CRISTETA B. FIDELINO

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file with the Superior Court any Answer you wish to make to the Complaint v-one (21) dav the last publication, that being August 20 2010, and to deliver or mail a copy of your Answer to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Second Floor, D' Torres Building, Garapan P.O. Box 504340, Saipan, MP 96950, as sooi as practicable after filing your answer.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally unti If you fail to answer in accordance with

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

In Re The Matter] Of The Petition To | CIVIL ACTION Appoint General | NO. 10-0407 Guardianship For: 1 L.N.E. Minor Child NOTICE OF **HEARING**

ERINA OLKERIIL

Petitioner.

L. Govendo.

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on August 23, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 205A, before Associate Judge Kenneth

Dated this 3rd day of August, 2010.

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By: /s/Deputy Clerk of Court

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CUC-RFP-10-037 Implementation of work plans at Isley Field, CUC Power plant # 3, Saipan

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced environmental firms the for the "Implementation of work plans at Isley Field / CUC Power Plant No. 3, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands". The work includes installation of equipment, data collection and development and implementation of clean up measures. Deliverables also include submission of periodic and appropriate sampling and assessment reports, proposed cleanup action /plan and performance report. A final report will also be required that shows the workplan implementation. All the work will be done as a part of the US EPA Stipulated order No. 2 response action and is subject to their approval. This project will be funded through the grant awarded by the US Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs

The Scope-of-Work will be **e-mailed** upon request, to all interested Offerors, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays, **until August 13, 2010.**

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-10-037 Implementation of Work plans at CUC Power Plant No. 3" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O.Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than August 24, 2010 at 10:00 AM, (CHST) local time. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Manuel B. Sablan, Procurement & Supply Manager at email <u>msablan@cucgov.net</u> or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Late submissions will not be considered.

e-proposal Conference will be held on **August 5, 2010** at 9:30 AM (CHST) local time at the CUC conference room in 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan building, followed by a Site Visit (to Isley field Saipan).

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total proposal price must accompany the bid offer. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Office of the Attorney General. A performance and payment bond of hundred (100%) percent each of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety for proposal security or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Office of the Attorney General. No advance payment will be authorized on the project or an Irrevocable Letter of Credit (100% aggregate contract cost/CUC Beneficiary) or a payment bond. All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Offerors must submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance

proposer is required to submit a copy of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page - http://www.dol.gov/esa/minwage/cnmi/cnmi.htm. The contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (CHST) local time on August 17, 2010 to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Manager, Procurement and Supply Manager via email msablan@cucgov.net; Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email mika_muna@cucgov.net; Technical Manager for Oil, Mr. Will Sword via email sword.william@gmail.com and Mr. Venugopal Prabhakara, Managing Engineer, Power generation, via email venu@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective Offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. Contract will be awarded to the most responsive proposers, as adjudged by the Source Selection Committee (SSC). CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ ANTONIO S. MUNA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

3rd Floor, Joeten Commercial Building P.O. Box 501220 CK, Dandan, Saipan, MP 96950



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CUC-RFP-10-040

GRANT MANAGEMENT/ADMINISTRATION and A&E TECHNICAL SERVICES

The Office of the Governor, Benigno R. Fitial and the Office of the Lt. Governor, Eloy S. Inos through the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation are soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified individuals or firms for Grant Management/Administration and Architect & Engineer Technical Services for the CUC Water-Wastewater Division in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

The project consists, in general, of contract administration of grants and locally funded projects, writing and developing grant, design development, bid package preparation, development of infrastructures of water and

The A&E firm services will be in contract for a period of one (1) year subject to renewal dependent on fund availability. The Contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws. Progress payments shall be to the Contractor. This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs

The CUC procurement regulations for Architect/Engineer (A/E) Procurement Regulations Title 50 Chapter 50 of the CNMI Administrative Code Paragraph 50-50-305 to publicly announce all requirements for Architect-Engineer services and negotiate contract on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications at a fair and reasonable price. After public announcement of requirement for A&E services, statements shall be reviewed by CUC, and after discussion, selection shall be made in order of preference of A&E firm to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required. The CUC shall attempt to negotiate a contract with the highest qualified architect-engineer firm at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to CUC. In the event that a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated, negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations shall be undertaken with the next highest qualified firm.

The scope-of-services and proposal requirements will be made available for pick-up, on July 19, 2010 at the CUC Water-Wastewater Division, Room No.18, 3rd Floor, Room 18, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on Government observed holidays

One (1) original and six (6) copies along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-10-040, Management/Administration and A&E Technical Services" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than Tuesday, August 17. 2010 at 10:00 AM. (CHST) local time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and wave any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquires must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (CHST), local time on, August 11, 2010 to Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., Procurement & Supply Manager via email at msablan@cucgov.net and Captain Robert Lorenz, Water-Wastewater Engineer at email robert_lorenz@cucgov.net.

/s/ ABE UTU MALAE Assistant Executive Director for Operation /s/ ANTONIO S. MUNA **Executive Director**



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands **State Board of Education**

Public School System
P. O. Box 501370, Saipan, MP 96950



INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-089

"PURCHASE OF CLASSROOM FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT FOR THE GREGORIO T. CAMACHO (GTC) ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the purchase of Furniture and Equipment for Newly Built Classrooms at GTCES.

The List of Furniture and Equipment required is available beginning Friday, August 6, 2010 at the PSS Procurement Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, CNMI.

Questions shall be in writing addressed to Mr. Robert Florian, Procurement Officer via fax to 664.3791 or E-Mail to robert.florian@cnmipss.org.

Bids shall be placed in a sealed envelope marked "PSS IFB 10-089" containing one (1) original and three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement Office no later than August 20, 2010 at 9:30 A.M. Any bid received after this date and time will not be accepted.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D. Commissioner of Education /s/ Robert Florian **Procurement Officer**



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands **State Board of Education**

Public School System

P. O. Box 501370, Saipan, MP 96950



INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-093

"DESKTOP COMPUTERS AND ACCESSORIES FOR DANDAN **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"**

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting competitive sealed bids for the purchase of Desktop Computers and Accessories for Dandan Elementary School. The Scope of Work is available beginning on August 6, 2010 at PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950.

Questions shall be in writing addressed to Mr. Reo Arriola, Vice Principal - Dandan Elementary School via fax at 664-5035 or e-mail to the following address: reo.arriola@cnmipss.org.

All bids must be placed in a sealed envelope marked "IFB 10-093" containing one (1) original with three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than August 20, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., at which time bids, will be publicly opened. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstance.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D. Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian **Procurement Officer**

A-Rod hits homer No. 600 in Yankees win

(AP)—New York's Alex Rodriguez became the youngest player to hit 600 home runs Wednesday, driving a pitch into Yankee Stadium's Monument Park in center field against the Toronto Blue Jays exactly three years to the day after his 500th homer.

His two-run, first-inning drive off Shaun Marcum put New York ahead, and the Yankees coasted to a 5-1 victory on a sweltering Wednesday afternoon to end a three-game losing streak.

A-Rod reached the milestone after a 12-game drought. At 35 years, 8 days, Rodriguez joined an elite club that includes Barry Bonds (762), Hank Aaron (755), Babe Ruth (714), Willie Mays (660), Ken Griffey Jr. (630) and Sammy Sosa (609). Ruth is next youngest at 36 years, 196 days.

Rodriguez received a brief ovation when he came up again in the third inning, then grounded out to shortstop en route to a 1-for-4 day. Derek Jeter had four hits and scored three runs, and Mark Teixeira drove in three runs to support Phil Hughes (13-4).

Athletics 4, Royals 3

At Oakland, California, Kevin Kouzmanoff hit a tiebreaking, two-run double in the sixth inning and Oakland took advantage of two errors to take the threegame series from Kansas City.

Brett Anderson (3-2) allowed three hits and two runs, struck out four and walked one in seven innings to win for the first time since May 29. It was a solid outing for the lefty in his second start since coming off the disabled list because of inflammation in his throwing elbow.

White Sox 4, Tigers 1

At Detroit, Edwin Jackson won his debut with Chicago, and Paul Konerko and Carlos Quentin homered in a win

Acquired from Arizona on July 30, Jackson (1-0) allowed one run over seven-plus innings. He was an All-Star with Detroit last season.

The loss dropped the Tigers eight games behind Chicago in the AL Central, matching their biggest deficit of the season.

Jackson gave up nine hits, but Detroit stranded 11 runners in its second loss to him this season. He left with a 4-0 lead after walking Miguel Cabrera to start the eighth. Bobby Jenks pitched the ninth for his 23rd save.

Indians 9, Red Sox 1

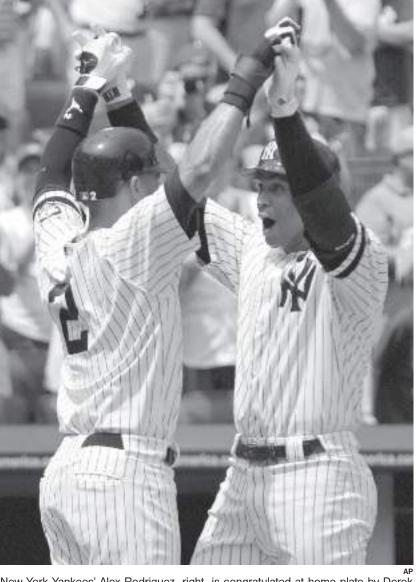
At Boston, Andy Marte hit a three-run homer in a five-run seventh inning, and Justin Masterson pitched five solid innings against his former team as Cleveland trounced Boston.

Jayson Nix homered off the Fisk Pole for Cleveland, which has won four out of five games to improve to 12-8 since the All-Star break and move out of last place and into a tie for fourth. The Indians took advantage of three Boston errors to score seven unearned runs, including all five in the seventh when they turned a 4-1 game into a 9-1 blowout.

David Ortiz homered for Boston, extending his hitting streak to 13 straight games—his longest in three years.

Orioles 9, Angels 7

At Baltimore, Luke Scott homered for



New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez, right, is congratulated at home plate by Derek Jeter after hitting his 600th career home run during the first inning of a baseball against the Toronto Blue Jays at Yankee Stadium on Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2010 in New York.

the third straight game as Baltimore improved to 2-0 under new manager Buck Showalter with a win over Los Angeles.

Felix Pie had three hits and three RBIs for the Orioles, who are already assured a fifth series win of the season—in 35 tries.

The Orioles still own the worst record in the majors (34-73). But they've looked sharp under Showalter, who has been asked to revive a franchise headed toward a 13th consecutive losing season.

Rookie Brian Matusz (4-11) allowed one run and seven hits in six innings to earn his first home win in 11 starts. He was 0-7 with a 5.55 ERA at Camden Yards.

Twins 2, Rays 1, 13 innings

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Delmon Young had a tiebreaking RBI single in the 13th inning as Minnesota edged Tampa Bay.

Alexi Casilla opened the 13th by drawing a walk from Lance Cormier

(3-3) and advanced to third on Joe Mauer's single. Young then made it 2-1 on a single to left.

Matt Guerrier (2-6) threw two perfect innings. He had lost all three of his previous appearances against Tampa Bay this year.

The Rays tied it at 1-1 in the ninth when Evan Longoria hit a leadoff double off Matt Capps and scored on Dan Johnson's one-out single. Cormier, pitching for the first time since July 20, allowed one run and three hits in four innings.

Rangers 11, Mariners 6

At Seattle, David Murphy three-run home run and Michael Young hit his first grand slam in three years as first-place Texas beat lowly Seattle.

Texas took the lead with five runs in the fifth before Young's first slam since Sept. 16, 2007.

It came off Garrett Olson in the seventh and capped a weird day in which the Rangers remained eight

auctioned for sale in a courthouse in Fort Worth, Texas.

An investment group led by Hall of Fame pitcher and Rangers president Nolan Ryan won a contentious and unusual auction for the team early Thursday, beating back a nearly \$600 million offer from outspoken Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban.

Rockies 6 Giants 1

At Denver, Ubaldo Jimenez won his major league-leading 17th game and Carlos Gonzalez homered twice as the Colorado Rockies beat the San Francisco Giants.

Troy Tulowitzki also homered for the streaking Rockies, who have won five of six.

Jimenez (17-2) became the fourth Rockies pitcher to win 17 games and the first since Jeff Francis did it in 2007, when Colorado reached the World Series, Kevin Ritz (1996) and Pedro Astacio (1999) were the other pitchers to win 17 games in a season for the franchise.

The Rockies' ace rebounded from a rare poor start against San Francisco on July 3, when he allowed seven runs in the third inning in an 11-8 loss. This time, he allowed only one run and four hits while striking out nine in seven dazzling innings.

Reds 9, Pirates 4

At Pittsburgh, Johnny Cueto dominated Pittsburgh over six innings, Paul Janish homered and drove in four runs as Cincinnati assured itself of staying atop the National League Central.

Cueto (11-2) had pitched 18 scoreless innings against the Pirates until Andrew McCutchen, back in the lineup 17 hours after being hit in the neck by a 90-mph fastball, led off the first with his ninth homer. That was about it against Cueto, who is 3-0 against Pitts-

Juan Francisco had three hits and drove in a run in his second start of the season, and NL batting leader Joey Votto doubled twice to raise his average to .324 for the Reds.

Cubs 15, Brewers 3

At Chicago, Geovany Soto homered and had five RBIs and pinch-hitter Aramis Ramirez capped a six-run sixth inning with a three-run shot as Chicago beat Milwaukee to snap a seven-game los-

Blake DeWitt added a homer and four RBIs and Starlin Castro had a career-high four hits for Chicago, which avoided matching the longest skid of Lou Piniella's four years as manager. games ahead of Oakland in the AL The Cubs had been outscored 67-20

since being named the new team own-

ers after last year's original sale pro-

cess. But the deal was stalled by angry

creditors—and then unexpectedly put

in limbo by the team's May bankrupt-

"It was an emotional roller-coaster,"

a smiling Ryan said between hugs

West while their franchise was being during the streak, including Monday's 18-1 loss to Milwaukee.

Braves 8, Mets 3

At Atlanta, Brian McCann drove in three runs with a homer and two doubles as Atlanta overcame an injury to starter Kris Medlen to beat New York.

The right-handed Medlen left the game in the fifth inning after hurting the ulnar collateral ligament in his pitching elbow. He will have an MRI exam on Thursday. Mike Dunn (1-0) gave up two walks in 1 2-3 scoreless innings in his first major league win.

Chipper Jones and McCann hit backto-back homers off Mike Pelfrey (10-6) in the third inning. McCann's linedrive shot into the right-field seats gave the Braves a 3-2 lead.

Cardinals 8, Astros 4

At St. Louis, Albert Pujols hit a three-run homer as Chris Carpenter slowed the Houston bats.

Pujols connected on a 3-2 pitch from J.A. Happ (2-1) and put it over the leftfield wall in the second inning for his 27th home run of the season and 393rd of his career. He has homered in three of his last four games and moved into a tie with Cincinnati's Joey Votto for the NL lead in home runs.

Pujols, who had three hits, knocked Happ out of the game with his homer. Happ, in his second start for Houston since being acquired from Philadelphia on July 29, gave up six hits and seven earned runs in one inning.

Phillies 7, Marlins 2

At Miami, rookie Domonic Brown drove in three runs, Kyle Kendrick pitched six effective innings as Philadelphia beat Florida for its 11th win in 13 games.

Raul Ibanez added two RBIs for the

After a 58-minute rain delay at the start, the Phillies took a 2-0 lead in the first inning on RBI singles by Ross Gload and Brown. Kendrick (7-4) kept Philadelphia ahead, allowing two runs.

Brown, the Phillies' top prospect, matched his major league RBI total coming into the game. He also had a sacrifice fly and a run-scoring grounder.

Nationals 7, **Diamondbacks 2**

At Phoenix, Adam Dunn hit a pair of towering homers and drove in four runs to power Washington over Arizona.

Dunn, who played 44 games for Arizona in 2008, hit a two-run shot in the first inning. He hit his 28th homer in the fourth, a solo drive. He added an RBI single in the seventh.

Adam Kennedy drove in a pair of runs with a single in the third and a seventh-inning double in support of Craig Stammen (4-4).

Dodgers 9, Padres 0

At Los Angeles, Vicente Padilla took a no-hit bid into the seventh inning and finished with his fourth career shutout, pitching Los Angeles past San Diego.

Padilla (5-3) held the Padres hitless for 6 1-3 innings before Ryan Ludwick lined a single past first baseman James Loney's lunging try.

Padilla wound up with a two-hitter, striking out nine and retiring 14 straight batters at one stretch. He also got two hits himself, including an RBI single during a five-run eighth.

Nolan Ryan group wins auction for Rangers Major League Baseball's endorsement

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)—Some of Nolan Ryan's best moments occurred in a Texas Rangers uniform: turning the struggling franchise around after he was brought in as a free agent in 1988, his 5,000th strikeout and his 300th victory.

But 17 years after retiring and two years after becoming the team president, the Hall of Fame pitcher's best moment yet may have been in a federal courthouse, where he won the team early Thursday in a contentious and unusual auction spanning

When Ryan's group was announced as the winning bidder, the packed courtroom erupted in cheers and a standing ovation.

Ryan and his business partner, sports attorney Chuck Greenberg, won the team with a \$593 million bid, including \$385 in cash, surviving the fierce bidding war with a group led by billionaire Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban and Houston businessman Jim Crane.

The Greenberg-Ryan group had

with colleagues and well-wishers in the courthouse. "You go to court one day and it didn't go your way, but you go back another day and it would. It's

cy filing.

a relief."

Celtics sign 15-time All-Star Shaquille O'Neal

BOSTON (AP)—Shaquille O'Neal has changed The Big Three of the Boston Celtics into a Very Big Four. The 7-foot-1, 325-pound

center in the twilight of a brilliant career is coming to the Eastern Conference champions, hoping to add to his four NBA titles.

O'Neal signed a two-year contract worth about \$3 million on Wednesday, a person with knowledge of the negotiations said on condition of anonymity because no details were released.

So this is where Shaq's colorful career will end after 20 seasons if he completes his contract with the Celtics.

One of the NBA's most charismatic players will finish with a legendary franchise on the parquet floor beneath 17 championship banners and the retired numbers of Bill Russell, Larry Bird, John Havlicek and other NBA greats.

After receiving little interest from other teams, O'Neal will play on that floor with Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen, Boston's "Big Three" since Garnett and Allen arrived before the 2007-08 season

From the first pick in the 1992 draft out of Louisiana State to dominant, rim-rattling inside force to complementary player, O'Neal's NBA travels have taken him to six teams and 15 All-Star games. He is the fifth leading scorer with 28,255 points and 14th in rebounds with 12,921 in league history. He's averaged 24.1 points, 11.0 rebounds and 2.3 blocks and was the NBA MVP in 2000.

His foul shooting might still be a problem and his lumbering style could slow down a running game, but the Celtics need the big center because Kendrick Perkins is out, possibly until February, following knee surgery. Perkins was hurt in Game 6 of the NBA finals against Los Angeles and missed the Lakers' 83-79 win in Game 7.

"If we get to another Game 7 down the line, I'm sure we will be glad we have Shaq on the team," Celtics coowner Wyc Grousbeck said.

The team considered too old by some, despite nearly winning the title, has decided to rely for two more years on a group of 30-plus stars, all likely headed for the Hall of Fame.

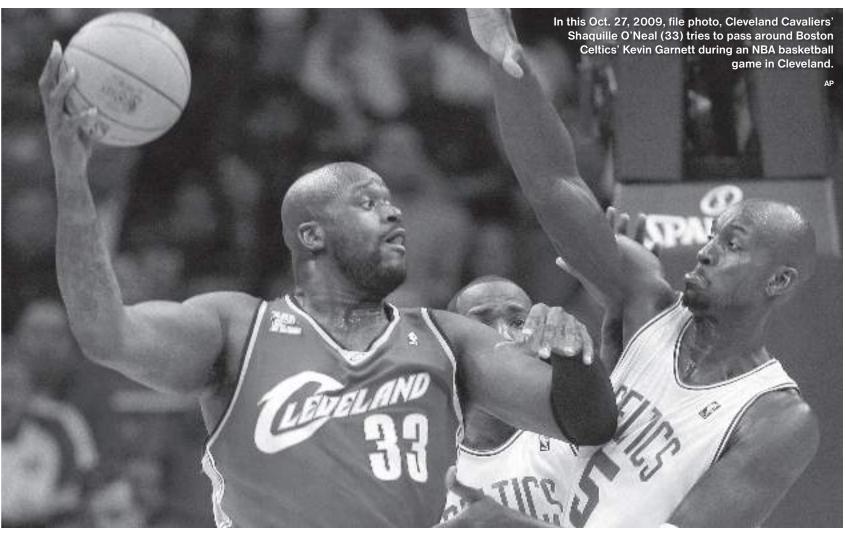
O'Neal, 38, joins Pierce, 32, Garnett, 34, and Allen, 35. The Celtics also signed free agent center Jermaine O'Neal, 31—a six-time All-Star—after the season.

All five are signed for two seasons, except Pierce, who has four years left on the deal he signed after the season. Point guard Rajon Rondo, 24, also is in the fold for four more years.

"I am honored to be joining the Celtics," Shaq said in a statement issued by the club. "I have played against Paul, Ray, Kevin, Rajon, and Jermaine for many years and it will be great to be able to call them my teammates. I cannot wait to get to Boston to get started in pursuit of another championship."

The Celtics won their NBA high 17th championship in 2008.

"It is not every day that you can add a player of Shaquille's caliber to your team," Celtics president of basketball operations Danny Ainge said in the statement. "His past experience speaks for itself and we believe that he is a great fit for our roster."



Not far from where the Celtics play, another large figure on the Boston sports scene spread the news.

"Hey, they signed Shaq here," David "Big Papi" Ortiz, said out loud in the Red Sox clubhouse after taking batting practice at Fenway Park before the game with the Cleveland Indians.

Just which of the two O'Neals will start at center remains uncertain with Perkins recovering from surgery for torn ligaments in his right knee.

Doc Rivers said. "Adding a player like Shaq is a major plus and it fills a void for our team. He's a real nice piece of the puzzle and he will complement us in where we want to go this coming season."

O'Neal has won three championships with Los Angeles along with his latest, in 2006, with Miami when he was teammates with Dwyane Wade.

The Cleveland Cavaliers signed O'Neal before last season, hoping "I am very excited," Celtics coach he could help LeBron James win his first title. O'Neal averaged a careerlow 12.0 points, 6.7 rebounds and 1.2 blocks in 53 games, and the Cavaliers lost the Eastern Conference semifinals to the Celtics in six games. In his last game, O'Neal had 11

points and 4 rebounds in a 94-85 loss in Boston. That's where he's scheduled to begin

his next season in a marquee matchup on Oct. 26 against the Miami Heat with James, Wade and Chris Bosh.

On Tuesday, O'Neal sounded unsure

if he would ever play another NBA game after a difficult offseason of uncertainty.

"For me, it's been a real thinking process," he said in Orlando. "I came into the league very graciously and want to go out very graciously. My main thought was I would like to play for a winning franchise, somebody that's used to winning, somebody that keeps winning. Hopefully, I'll make my decision here in the next one or two days."

Now it's been made.

Agent, coach: Favre will play if ankle is healthy



MANKATO, Minn. (AP)—Brett Favre's flipflopping is at full throttle, the surest sign yet that training camp is under way

in Minnesota.

Vikings offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell and Favre's agent, Bus Cook, said Wednesday that the veteran quarterback plans to return to the team if he is healthy. The 40-year-old Favre is still rehabbing his surgically repaired left ankle that he injured in the NFC title game loss at New Orleans.

wrestles with," Bevell said after a tomed to, he will play," Cook said. morning practice as Favre was throwing the ball around with high school students in Mississippi. "He's a great player. He's a great competitor. He mulls things over. He's an emotional guy. So he thinks things through long and hard and takes his time with his decision. So I'm not surprised that things started to come out. We just have to wait and see."

A day earlier. Favre texted some teammates and Vikings officials to say that his ankle was not healing like he had hoped and that he planned to retire. Favre denied sending any such messages and there was no explanation for the discrepancy.

Bevell, who became close friends with Favre during three years as his quarterbacks coach in Green Bay, said he has spoken to Favre recently, but not in the last 24 hours. He said it's been his understanding that if Favre's ankle heals, he will return to play for the Vikings this season.

"That's what I've been getting all along," Bevell said.

Cook told The Associated Press that Favre will visit his surgeon, Dr. James Andrews, next week for an evaluation.

"He's working out really hard and everything seems to indicate that if he is healthy and can contribute and play "I know it's a decision that he at the level that he has become accus-

The two-year, \$25 million contract Favre signed last year calls for him to make \$13 million this season. Cook said there have been no negotiations on any adjustments to the deal.

"If they want to reward him, nobody's going to walk away from that," Cook said. "But it's not a factor in his decision."

Outside Oak Grove High School in Hattiesburg, Miss., Favre told reporters his decision is "not about the money." He also said he has been in touch with the team and "they know what's going on with me."

On Tuesday, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press that Favre had contacted teammates and team officials to tell

them his ankle was not healing well enough and that he wasn't going to return for a second season in Minnesota. Tight end Visanthe Shiancoe confirmed the report, saying Favre "told a couple guys on our team he's going to retire.'

Shiancoe said Wednesday he still had not heard from Favre directly and declined further comment.

The drama is nothing new for the Vikings, who have been answering questions about Favre's intentions for three years. Favre told the Vikings just before training camp last year that he was staying retired, only to change his mind and join the team before its second preseason game.

An entire advertising campaign has been built around his indecision and his teammates have become accustomed to hourly changes in his status.

"It's been about three years now I've been getting asked the Brett Favre questions," said a grinning Tarvaris Jackson, who would take over as the starter if Favre does not return. "It's kind of part of my life now. I actually might miss it."

Favre has considered retiring every summer since 2002. The famous waffling helped prompt the Packers to trade him to the Jets in 2008. After a so-so season in New York, he announced his retirement in early 2009

for the second time, then wound up signing with the Vikings.

He had one of his best seasons last year, with career bests in completion percentage (68.4), quarterback rating (107.2) and fewest interceptions (7), while throwing for 33 TDs and 4,202 yards to lead the Vikings (12-4) to an NFC North title. Most people around the NFL figured he'll come back for another run at what would be a third Super Bowl appearance.

"He is an emotional guy. He does tell you how he's feeling. He is very honest," Bevell said. "That's what I love about him and that's what a lot of people love about him. Sometimes it serves him well, sometimes it doesn't."

Like the rest of the league, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said he was taking a "wait and hear" approach to the latest twist in the Favre saga.

"Brett Favre is great for our game. And I think the passion he has for the game is extraordinary," he said. "I think we all love to see him play, but we want him to do what's best for him at the end of the day."

Same goes for Drew Brees, whose Saints play the Vikings in the NFL season opener on Sept. 9.

"Haven't we all seen it before?" Brees said. "I'm not going to believe it until he doesn't walk out of the tunnel on Sept. 9."

Yvonne sets records in 100m

By ROSELYN B MONROYO roselyn_monroyo@saipantribune.com REPORTER



KOROR, Palau-Yvonne Bennett claimed Micronesian's fastest female runner

title after a blistering finish in the century dash in the 7th Micronesian Games last Wednesday night at the Palau National Track and Field.

Bennett submitted 12.68 seconds in the 100m sprint to claim the gold medal in that event against five other runners, including twin sister Yvette, who finished fourth with a time of 13.53 seconds.

Yvonne's time was faster than the 12.90 seconds Palau's Ngerak Florencio posted on April 25, 2003 during the Micronesian Athletics Championship.

Yvonne broke Florencio's record twice, as on Day 1 of the athletics competition, she timed in at 12.81 seconds to rule Heat 1 on the 100m qualifying race.

The 12.68 Yvonne set was also a new CNMI record with the 20-year-old sprinter shattering her own mark (12.99). Yvonne was the lone runner to have finished the 100m race under the 13-second mark.

Yvonne gave the CNMI one of its two gold medals in Day 2



Twins Yvonne, left, and Yvette Bennett join Mamiko Oshima-Berger in holding up the CNMI flag Wednesday

of the athletics competition. Ryan Ichihara won ruled the men's long jump.

night at the Palau National Track and Field.

the other gold for the Commonwealth when he

Ichihara posted 5.82m in the long jump to beat

rchers outlast Brothers in Miller Lite caging



Brothers won a rollercoaster of a game against Brothers, 75-71, in the continua-

tion of their rained-out match in the 2010 Miller Lite Invitational Basketball League Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Brothers-Archers duel was originally set at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court last Aug. 1, but organizers postponed it to Wednesday at the indoor

Archers got off to quick start and doubled Brothers' score, 18-9, as center Edmark Mendoza scattered seven points in the first quarter.

But Brothers retaliated big time in the second with Perry Inos and Jonathan Detera combining for 13 points as they outscored Mendoza and company, 27-14 in the period, to take a 36-32 lead at the break.

It was a seesaw ballgame in

the third with Noel David and Inos involved in a personal matchup that wound up in the former's favor as the Archers' took a 52-50 lead into the fourth quarter.

Rommel Usi and Robert Guiang then put on the finishing touches in the tight game, firing eight and seven points, respectively, to lead Archers to the four-point victory.

David led all scorers with 22 points, while Mendoza and Usi added 16 apiece. Inos paced Brothers in defeat with 18 with Jeff Pagarao and Dennis Cortez adding 17 each.

Archers 75 - David 22, Mendoza 16, R. Usi 16, Guiang 10, Danipog 5, M. Usi 4, Quinitip 2. Brothers 71 - Inos 18, Pag-

arao 17, Cortez 17, Detera 11, Arminita 4, Brillo 2, Daproza 2. Scoring by quarters: 18-9,

32-36, 52-50, 75-71. (Saipan Tribune)

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gold in the 400m IM.

Kai Staal won gold in the 400m IM and silver in the 100m breaststroke; Kensuke Kimura went home with the gold in the 200m backstroke; and Michael Moran was awarded the bronze also in the 200m backstroke.

Over at the Palau National Track and Field, Yvonne Bennett was named Micronesia's fastest woman after clocking in at 12.68 second in the 100m run finals.

At the Palau National Gymnasium, the CNMI cage belles recovered from a loss to Palau after beating Chuuk, 82-14.

The CNMI Men's Nationals, who lost to Kosrae on Wednesday night, 88-95, downed Chuuk Thursday morning, but the final scores were unavailable at press time.

In baseball at the Asahi Ball Field, the CNMI played back-



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

The CNMI's Jeneque Benavente goes for the rebound against Chuuk players during their game Wednesday afternoon at the Palau National

to-back games. On Wednesday morning, it clobbered Yap, 15-1, and then defeated rival Guam in the late night match, 6-2.

In table tennis at the Ngara-

chamayong Cultural Center, Budhi Gurung, Steve Lim, Luke Lu, and Su Yong Dong are all in the finals of the men's doubles. The tandem of Gurung and Lim

was scheduled to duel the duo of Lu and Su for the gold medal late Thursday afternoon.

Lu is also in the finals in the men's singles, while Gurung and Su Yong shared the bronze medal. Lu is scheduled to play Palau's Ricardo Gulla in the finals today.

Meanwhile, the canoe competition started yesterday at the Meyuns Seaplane Ramp. Complete results were unavailable at press time, but the CNMI finished third in the heat for the 1,500 race (7:47.22) and must place first in the repecharge to make it to the finals.

Waiting to get into action in the 10-day competition are the CNMI spearfishing and triathlon teams.

The Commonwealth's triathletes will compete in the individual and team event at the Palau Pacific Resort on Sunday, while the CNMI spearfishing team will plunge into the waters of Palau on Saturday and Sunday.

two other Palau bets.

The CNMI claimed three more medals in the second day of action in the athletics competition, which finished on time, as weather cooperated Wednesday night.

Jacque Wonenberg won a silver in the women's long jump, submitting 4.48m against the 4.55 of gold medalist and Palau's Mihter Wendolin.

Jeneque Benavente, who

won a gold in the women's discuss, got her second medal in the competition after winning a bronze in the women's shot put (9.55m).

Tyrone Omar also nailed a bronze medal when he finished third in the 100m run with a time of 11.32 seconds. John Howard of Chuuk (11.04) and the Marshalls' Roman Cress (11.20) took the gold and silver, respectively.

SGA August Ace this Sunday



The Saipan of the year. Golfers Association will hold its August Ace of the

Month Golf Tournament this Sunday, Aug. 8, at the Marianas Country Club.

Show time is set at 9:30am with tee time an hour later at 10:30am. The August Ace will join the other 2010 SGA Aces prepare for their ultimate Ace of Aces Tournament at the end

The 2010 SGA Aces thus far are—Vince Rosario (January), Edward Sablan (February), Mariano Fajardo (March), Larry Deleon Guerrero (April), Steve Jang (May), Jung Teack (June), and Jose I. Sablan (July).

For more information, contact SGA tournament director Mariano Fajardo, SGA president Ben Aldan, SGA treasurer Joe Sablan, or SGA secretary Frances Sablan. (SGA)

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feated Montgomery in the team event, and the former won in two sets.

Cruz and Montgomery prevailed over Pohnpei's Dion Neth and Kosrae's Kim Thomson, respectively, to arrange an all-CNMI semifinals and guaranteed the Commonwealth three medals in the men's singles.

Race, which bowed to Roden in three sets last Tuesday, had another three-set game against the Guam netter. Race, who had his family watching the crucial game, won the first set, 6-1, but failed to sweep the game after Roden won in the tiebreak in the second set, 7-6.

In the deciding third set, Race, who beat Midion Neth in the first round, triumphed, 6-4, giving the CNMI a fourth semis ticket.

Loyola gave the CNMI its third semis seat. He beat Dugan in the first set, 6-4, and then led at 2-0 in the second

set when the tournament's topseeded player was forced to retire due to back problems.

"When I got the first set, I started feeling good. We're really looking at beating Dugan because he is the No. 1 seed here," Loyola said.

Loyola, who advanced to the quarterfinals after downing Kosrae's Arkelus Eshau, will face Cruz in the semis today. Cruz topped Guam's Bill Camacho, 6-4, 6-3, and Dion Neth, 6-1, 6-0, to make it to the semis.

Race and Montgomery will battle for the other finals berth. Montgomery, who won over Pohnpei's Robert Etscheit, 6-3, 6-1, and Thomson, 6-0, 6-1, aims to defend his gold medal, while Race is hoping for a better finish after clinching third place in the 2006 Micro Games on Saipan.

In the women's singles, CNMI's Kana Aikawa and Mayuko Arriola are in the quarterfinals. Aikawa's quarterfinals foe is Palau's Uriik Luii, while Arriola will face Guam's Alea Dugan.

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Baltimore	34	73	.318	33

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Kansas City	46	62	.426	15 1/

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BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Texas 11, Seattle 6

Rafael Jones tops division in Oceania Plate



won the championship of the Senior Boy's division of the

2010 Oceania Plate tennis tournament at the Robin Mitchell Regional tennis Centre in Lautoka, Fiji.

The 15-year-old beat Pool A topnotcher Chris Sami of Samoa yesterday in the finals, 6-4, 7-5.

He reached the finals after topping Pool A runner-up Alex Beddoes of Cook Islands, 6-3, 6-4, in the semis. His wins against Sami and Beddoes avenged Jones' loss against the two players in the 2010 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships.

Jones topped the Senior's Pool B with an immaculate 4-0 win-loss slate

He beat Roland Neururer, 6-1, 6-1, in Day 1 of the competition and then defeated Kaito Fuji in a near identical score of 6-1, 6-2 in his next game.

Jones notched his third win after a walkover win against teammate Jake Lee before finishing his pool assignment with a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Robin Morove.

Lee, for his part, finished Pool B with a 1-3 record, his only victory a 6-2, 6-2 triumph against Fuji in his first game. Christian Miller, meanwhile, wound with a 2-2 record in Pool A.

In the Junior Boy's competition, Jones' brother Angelo also reached the finals after finishing second in Pool A with a 4-1 re-



cord. His only loss came against T.J. Rush, 4-6, 4-6.

Jones beat compatriot Chris Cajigan (6-2, 6-0), Kevin Maukoloa (6-3, 6-3), Jake Berman (62, 6-1), and John Martin Kaiulo (6-2, 6-1). Cajigan was winless in five matches in the division.

Jones was paired against Torea Bonterman in the semis yesterday, while Rush played Mathew Stubbings in the other semis match. Results were not available as of press time.

Neghar Rustguiy also made it to the Final Four of the Junior Girl's competition after finishing with a 3-1 record in Pool B. She beat Mishaela Bonin (6-3, 7-5), Tayla Beddoes (0-6, 7-5, 6-1), and Aresi Mwea (1-6, 6-4, 6-2), but lost to Nadine Del Carmen (6-7 (2), 4-6) and Charity Sagiao (2-6, 2-6).

Rustguiy played Ayana Rengiil in the semis yesterday, while Del Carmen opposed Anastasia Tapusoa in the other Final Four match.

Carl Dela Cruz, for his part, finished second in the boys division after going 4-1 in roundrobin play. He beat Martin Duchnak (6-0, 6-3), Tiernan Breen (7-5, 6-4), Liam Suttie (6-1, 6-1), and Krishan Raju (6-2, 6-3). His only loss was exacted by Harley Cronin (1-6, 3-6).

Melody Johnson wound up with a 0-6 record in the Senior Girl's competition. (Saipan

'Rota Cliff Fishing Derby a resounding success'

The 2010 Rota Cliff Fishing Derby held last weekend stirred excitement among participants and residents alike as over 52 competitors descended upon the southernmost island in the Northern Marianas chain.

Anglers from Rota, Saipan, and Guam set out along the cliff sides of As Matmos, Malilok, and Pona Point beginning at 5:30pm on Friday for a weekend of fishing.

Joey Padilla landed a 12.54lb jobfish to secure the \$800 first place prize in the Biggest Fish category. Reynaldo Doromol also had reason to celebrate as he reeled in the second greatest gill-breather, a 9.77-lb barracuda, to secure his \$600, while Redentor Devilla pocketed \$400 and third place with his hooked 8.96-lb green jobfish.

In the Total Weight category, Manuel Cabrera landed first place and \$500 cash with the heaviest combined catch of the day, 35.86 lbs of fish. Olen Jacob celebrated his \$300 for taking second place with a total weight catch of 31.11 lbs, followed by \$200 winner Masueto Nava in third with a total catch weighing in at 24.46 lbs.

Nava wasn't finished collecting prizes yet, as his assortment of 30 species of fish also won



ing Derby held in As Matmos, Malilok, and Pona Point.

him the \$500 prize for first place in the Most Variety category. Rio Cayetano was able to secure second place with 26 different fish species to snag \$300, while Mario Aspacio took home \$200 for third place.

The Rota Cliff Fishing Derby was organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority, Rota Municipal Council, and Rota Mayor's Office in keeping with the MVA's sports tourism promotions.

"The Rota Cliff Fishing Derby is intended to lure more visitors to the island, and we're pleased to see a stirring of interest with inquiries from cliff fishing enthusiasts," said MVA Community Programs manager Martin Duenas. "We'll be making a cost-benefit analysis of this year's event to see the feasibility of holding the event again."

Following the weekend's fish fest, chairman George Hocog of the 13th Rota Municipal Council and Rota Mayor Melchor A. Mendiola welcomed participants to an awards banquet where they thanked all sponsors and supporters, including Department of Public Safety-Traffic & Boating, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and Division of Fish and Wildlife.

During the banquet, the winners were awarded their laurels, and everyone had their fill of fish. (MVA)

CNMI loses to Macau; NKorea-HK duel in finals



The young U15 CNMI National Soccer Team took another beating, this

time at the hands of Macau, 0-7, as the 2010 East Asian Football Federation Under-15 Boys Tournament continued Wednesday at the Leo Palace Resort Field in Yona, Guam.

The Commonwealth boys played good defense early and didn't allow a goal until close to 13 minutes have elapsed in the first half.

A goal in 12th minute appeared to open the floodgates as the former Portuguese territory's strikers found the back of net in the 36:50, 41:50, and 44:50 marks of the first half.

Macau would score three more times in the second half with the last goal sailing past the outstretched arms of the CNMI's goalie in the 90th minute.

Lo Man Hin led Macau's scoring surge with two goals, while Lo Kuan Io, Ao Chi Hou, Cheong Ka Chon, Kam Chi Hou, and Mak Chi Leong each scored against the CNMI, which dropped to 0-3 in the tournament and faced archrival Guam in an exhibition match yesterday.

"Our boys played with great intensity and held Macau scoreless until 12:56 into match...



CNMI defender Enrico Del Rosario stops a Macau striker from attempting a goal in their 2010 East Asian Football Federation Under-15 Boys Tournament game Wednesday at the Leo Palace Resort Field.

the NMI played hard and good defense throughout the match. The team is improving each game and is a great learning experience playing with other players who are the best in their [age] group. Interestingly, all other countries have been established for over 30 years and we are still in our infancy with five years since inception. We can only grow each year and believe we can be more competitive in a couple of years," said Northern Mariana Islands Football Association general

secretary Ed Salas. Making up the CNMI's un-

der-15 are Josiah Orlando, Abraham Tosiwo, Colin Curtis Fruit, Kennedy Izuka, John Raymond Taisacan, Andrew Scott Johnson, Dakota Hall, Jireh Yobech, Michael Barry, Stacy Escueta, Jehn Joyner, Jamal Cabrera, Sean Perez, Hunter Jewell, Kenneth Domingo, Enrico Del Rosario, Joel Pierce Fruit, and Julian Pellegrino.

The finals of the under-15 EAFF tournament will pit powerhouse North Korea against Hong Kong. North Korea, which beat the CNMI 0-23, bowled over Mongolia in the semifinals, 12-0; while Hong Kong was a 2-0 victor against Chinese-Taipei.

NMIFA to offer free basic referee clinic

In other news, NMIFA will be offering free basic referee training clinics starting Aug. 12 at the federation's office at the TSL Plaza.

The clinic, which will be conducted by the NMIFA Referee Committee, is open to individuals 14 years and older and no experience is necessary. The Aug. 12 and 13 clinics will be from 6pm to 8pm, while the Aug. 14 clinic will have an 8am to 12pm schedule at the office before moving to field training from 1pm to 4pm. The clinic concludes with

another whole day session on Aug. 21 (8am to 11am for field training and 1pm to 4pm at the NMIFA office).

For more information, contact NMIFA director of referees Vanesa Pritchard at holly jollykp@hotmail, Dean Tenorio at deanten@gmail, or call the NMIFA office at 235-0173. (Saipan Tribune)

KFAS to hold tournament Sunday



The Korean Football Association of Saipan will host the NMI-

Korea Amateur Sports Association Cup 2010 this Sunday, Aug. 8, at the Oleai Sports Complex soccer field.

A total of eight teams have signed up for the one-day tournament and they will be divided into two divisions-Group A and Group B.

Playing in Group A are the K. Senior, Korean Chinese, Matanza, and K. Junior, while seeing action in Group B are Wild Bill's Independents, Mariana Pacific United, Inter-Godfather's, Tan Holdings FC, and IFC.

The tournament starts at 8am with K. Senior taking on Korean Chinese, followed by Matanza against K. Junior at 9am. The 10pm match will pit Wild Bill's Independents versus Mariana Pacific United.

The 11am match will have Inter-Godfather's taking on Tan Holdings FC, followed by the 12pm game between Wild Bill's and IFC.

K. Senior will return to the pitch against K. Junior in the 1pm match with Korean Chinese and Matanza locking horns in the 2pm game.

Mariana Pacific United will then face Inter-Godfather's in the 3pm schedule with Tan Holding FC and IFC concluding the elimination round at 4pm.

The team with the best record in each division will advance to play each other in the finals, set at 5pm. The awards ceremony will immediately follow the conclusion of the championship match at around 6:30pm.

Games of the NMI-Korea Amateur Sports Association Cup 2010 have 25-minute halves with a five-minute intermission at halftime.

A win nets teams three points, a draw a point, while no points are awarded for losses.

The champion team takes home \$200, while the runner-up pockets \$100. The best player of the tournament will also receive an MVP trophy. Entry fee is \$100. For more information, call 235-4989 or 483-9985. (Saipan Tribune)



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CNMI keeps lead in medal standings



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Yvonne Bennett, seen here leading the 200m qualifying race yesterday, won the gold medal in the 100m run at the Palau National Track and Field.

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

OROR, lau—Day 4 of the 7th Micronesian Games was relatively good for Team Marianas.

The CNMI got six more golds in swimming; Yvonne Bennett made records; the baseball and women's basketball

teams bounced back from their Palau is in second with 20 respective losses; and the table gold, 18 silver, and 18 bronze tennis squad advanced Tia de Prerii*

With the Commonwealth athletes doing well in the Games, the unofficial medal

to the finals.

tally, brought to you by IT&E, shows the CNMI still CNMI collection at the concluleading with 28 gold medals, 12 silver, and 12 bronze. Host

medals, followed by Pohnpei, which has earned 10 gold medals, eight silver, and nine bronze.

Rezne Wong added three gold medals to the sion of the swimming competi-

tion at the Palau National Swim-

ming Pool Wednesday night.

Wong claimed gold medals in the 400m individual medley, 100m breaststroke, and 50 butterfly. Wong then took a silver in the 50m freestyle and helped the CNMI notch the

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All-CNMI semis in men's tennis singles

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

KOROR, Palau—It's payback time for the CNMI Men's Tennis Team.

Days after losing to Guam in the gold medal game in the team event, Jeff Race, Todd Montgomery, Peter Loyola, and Bobby Cruz got their vengeance.

Race, who lost to Guam's Wendell Roden in second men's singles game in the team event last Tuesday, came out on the winning side of their quarterfinals duel yesterday at the Palau Pacific Resort Tennis Court here.

Loyola faced No. 1 seed and Guam's Justin Dugan, who de-See TENNIS on Page 42



From left, Bobby Cruz, Peter Loyola, and Todd Montgomery pose for a group photo after advancing to the semifinals of the men's singles division yesterday. Jeff Race could not join the team, as he was still playing in the fourth quarterfinals match, which he eventually won against Guam's Wendell Roden.

NMI tops Guam in baseball, 6-2

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KOROR, Palau—The CNMI boosted its chances in advancing to the Final Four of the baseball competition in the 7th Micronesian Games after booking backto-back wins last Wednesday at the Asahi Ball Field here.

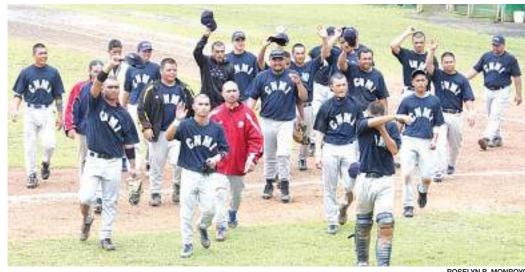
The CNMI sluggers first won over Yap, 15-1, and then less than three hours returned to the field to beat 2006 finalist Guam, 6-2.

The CNMI-Guam tiff, which was an early rematch of the two squads that battled for the gold during the 2006 Micronesian Games on Saipan, was scheduled last Tuesday but was suspended due to rain.

When the game was halted, the match was tied, 2-2, at the bottom of the third inning.

At the resumption of the match, Anthony Tenorio, Shane Yamada, Justin Alexander, and Ryan Ada scored one run apiece to put the CNMI in the lead, 6-2.

Guam never scored from thereon, as Josh Jones did a great job on the mound. Jones pitched in no relief and struck



Members of the CNMI Baseball Team tip their hats off to the crowd after beating Pohnpei during their opening game at the Asahi Ballfield. The Commonwealth's sluggers played their fourth game Wednesday night and beat Guam, 6-2, to improve to a 3-1 record.

out seven batters. He recorded his last two strikeouts at the top of the seventh inning, ending Guam's comeback bid.

Earlier, the CNMI got hot in the last two innings of their game against Yap to cruise to the easy win.

The Commonwealth's sluggers were only ahead by one, 2-1, after four complete innings when they logged seven and six runs in the fifth and sixth innings to hand Yap its fourth loss in as many games.

The CNMI, which is aiming to defend its gold medal here, improved to a 3-1 record and was scheduled to face host Palau in the end of the elimination round.

A win against Palau will put the CNMI in the No. 1 spot, while a loss would bring the Commonwealth to either third or fourth place, depending on

the results of the other games in the final day of the elimination round.

Only the Top 4 teams will advance to the playoffs. Palau, pending the results of its game against the CNMI, is undefeated in four games, while Guam holds a 3-1 record. Kosrae, which was the lone team to hand the CNMI a loss, has a 3-1 slate too, and was facing Guam in its last game yesterday.

